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Yeltsin hits out at communists as polling begins

MOSCOW (Reuter) - President Boris Yeltsin, on the eve of an election leading support for his reforms, took an oblique swipe at his communist rival yesterday and posed with the patriarch of the Orthodox church for television cameras. Today's presidential poll puts voters before a crossroads in the world's largest country - four more years of painful reform by re-electing Yeltsin or a leap into the unknown with nationalist-leaning communist Gennady Zyuganov. Campaigning was banned yesterday, but Yeltsin still dominated much of evening newscasts after a strident four-month campaign in which the president and Zyuganov have slugged it out for the votes of the 105 million-strong electorate. Yeltsin, 65, has warned of the perils of a communist return to power and got in an indirect swipe at Zyuganov when he gave awards to film director Nikita Mikhalkov and sculptor Ernst Neizvestny, a Soviet-era dissident. "The repression of the former regime could not break the intelligentsia. On the contrary, it was a decisive influence on the creation in Russia of a democratic society," the Iar-Tass news agency quoted him as saying. Russian television's main channel hammered the theme home by screening Mikhalkov's Oscar-winning film on Stalin's purges, Burnt by the Sun, and Heart of a Dog, based on 1920s writer Mikhail Bulgakov's novel satirizing Soviet morality. Yeltsin met Russian Orthodox Church Patriarch Alexy II and discussed reconstruction of churches destroyed or left to run down under Soviet communist rule. With television crews filming, he strolled with Alexy in the Kremlin precincts, thrilling and bemusing about 100 visitors and patting small children on the head. "Good luck in the election!", a woman called to Yeltsin. But another onlooker, a young man, (Continued on Page 3)

Russian elections: Ritual and reality COMMENT AMNON SELLA

ON the personal level, Russian voters must choose today between two unpopular protagonists; on a political level they must choose between Yeltsin, who represents some hope that unpopular reforms will continue, and Gennady Zyuganov, who promises a half-communist, half-chauvinist policy to curtail them. At the beginning of the campaign, Yeltsin was at a great disadvantage. He had just been released from a rest home following a heart attack; the war in Chechnya looked messy and hopeless; he did not enjoy the benefit of a party organization to support him in a campaign to explain too many failures. Consequently his popularity in public opinion polls was very low, far behind Zyuganov's. Zyuganov, still riding the wave of his party's success in the elections to the Duma, brandished a military past and had behind him the loyal backing of the remnants of the once almighty Communist Party. He also enjoyed the support of the many disillusioned senior citizens who lost great chunks of their pensions and old-time apartments and party officials whose world was ruined by perestroika and Yeltsin's reforms. The campaign had all the markings of a political ritual. The 10 presidential candidates (one dropped out last week) who had to collect one million signatures each to become eligible used all the known tricks in the art of propaganda and advertisement. They lied, they threatened, they intimidated, all the time demonstrating self-confidence beyond belief. In the last six weeks of the cam- (Continued on Page 3)



A wounded woman is helped away from the scene of yesterday's bomb blast in the center of Manchester. Authorities blamed the bombing, in which over 200 persons were hurt, on the IRA. (AP)

IRA suspected in Manchester blast, over 200 wounded

News agencies AN explosion near a Manchester shopping center wounded more than 200 people in a whirlwind of glass and debris yesterday, and British and Irish leaders blamed the IRA. No one immediately claimed responsibility. But the attack, just six days after the opening of peace talks in Northern Ireland, apparently quenched any hopes that the IRA's supporters would soon be allowed to join in the negotiations. A bomb disposal team was checking a van parked next to the Amdale Center and police had cleared the area before the explosion at 11:20 a.m. But the force of the blast shattered glass 800 meters away, knocked down some people in shops and streets, and raised a dense black cloud. "I was thrown on to the floor and knocked my head against the wall. After that, everything seemed in slow motion," said Sylvia Glen, 44, a security guard in a city center shop. She suffered a perforated eardrum and a wrist injury. Manchester's ambulance service said it counted 206 injured people. Ambulances and private cars ferried shocked and bleeding people to hospitals. Others walked in for treatment. A dozen people were being treated for serious injuries, including a woman in the last weeks of pregnancy. "The pregnant woman was thrown through the air but I can confirm that the baby's heart is still beating," said Richard Emmott, spokesman for Manchester Royal Infirmary. Seventy-two other people taken to the infirmary, including a four-month-old boy who had minor cuts on his hand, were all released by late afternoon. "This explosion looks like the work of the IRA," Prime Minister John Major said in London. Police said there had been a telephone warning from a man with an Irish accent, but no one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. The IRA bombed the same area on December 3, 1992, wounding more than 60 people in two morning rush-hour blasts. Major suggested yesterday's bomb was timed to spoil the traditional Trooping the Color celebrations in London of the official birthday of Queen Elizabeth II. But Irish Prime Minister John Bruton said he believes the IRA wanted to distract attention from its admission earlier yesterday that some of its members murdered an Irish police officer on June 7. "The news management aspect of the Manchester bomb shows that the IRA are cynical and empty of any humanity," Bruton said in a long and angry statement issued by his office in Dublin. Irish President Mary Robinson, on a state visit to the United States, said she was deeply shocked by the bombing. She told reporters at Washington's Irish Embassy, "I am shocked, saddened, and numbed at the news. This has nothing to do with Irishness." Robinson renewed her call for an IRA cease-fire and said those involved in peace talks in Northern Ireland should redouble their efforts. Condemning the bombing, Robinson said: "My heart goes out to the city of Manchester, to the Irish in Manchester, to those who have suffered. All our hopes are for a permanent peace." "Such viciousness deserves universal condemnation," said President Bill Clinton, who expressed support for people working for peace in Northern Ireland. "The men of violence have once again tried to dash their hopes," Clinton said. The IRA resumed its bombing campaign in

England on February 9 with a huge explosion in east London that killed two men. Sinn Fein, the IRA's political allies, were locked out of peace talks which began in Northern Ireland last week because both governments insist that an IRA cease-fire must come first. "We remain very firmly focused on the need to restore the peace process, and we will not be deflected from that by anything," Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams said in Belfast. "And if this bomb explosion, or if it is a bomb explosion, obviously I regret and I sympathize with those who have been injured," Adams said. The two main railway stations in Manchester, 290 kms northwest of London, were closed for several hours, and the city center was sealed off. Hundreds of soccer fans are in the city for today's Euro 96 match between Germany and Russia, and officials indicated the match would go ahead. "A man with an Irish accent rang a local TV station, saying that a vehicle was parked containing a bomb," said Chief Superintendent Peter Harris of Greater Manchester Police. "In a busy city at that time in the morning it is not easy, but we were able to get people out of the area down various side streets and with the cooperation of shopkeepers and businesses in the area," Harris said. The blast tore away the outer wall on the west side of the Amdale Center, exposing steel beams and littering Corporation Street with bricks, glass, and shredded metal. "We thought the explosion had gone off right next to us," said Rachel Reeves, 18. "I couldn't believe it when I was told it was close to the Amdale because that is almost half-a-mile from where we were."

The wonder years COMMENT AMOTZ ASA-EL "WE have had four wonderful years," said Shimon Peres in one of his worst lines during that pivotal TV debate with Binjamin Netanyahu. The outgoing premier was referring to the economy, but some saw in his words a more sweeping statement which ignored the post-Oslo security situation. But even in strictly economic terms, the past four years were not fully "wonderful," and May's sharp rise in the consumer price index is yet another indication of that. Yes, during its four years in power the outgoing government slashed unemployment, maintained the already robust growth rate which it had inherited, sold some \$2.5 billion worth of shares in state assets, and attracted an unprecedented wave of foreign investment. Unfortunately, these achievements were marred by classically socialist salary hikes for an already bloated public sector, which for the first time since Shimon Peres's 1985 austerity plan resumed its expansion. So don't take seriously Manufacturers' Association president Dan Propper's umpteenth, economically unfounded insinuation that the Bank of Israel's interest rates are feeding inflation. If anything, it was the shekel's recent devaluation - which Propper among others had so eagerly sought - that fed last month's price hikes. Moreover, considering his colossal misjudged support for last month's electoral loser, Propper would do well to lower his profile for a while. In fact, the most potent source of our rising inflation is outgoing Finance Minister Avraham Shohat's wage policy. This is what prevented tax and budget cuts, dramatically expanded demand, and ultimately accelerated inflation and fed our yawning budget, trade and current-account deficits. But as of this week, our eyes will have to be set on Shohat's successor, whoever he may be. This individual's prospects to ameliorate our macro-economic malaise seem bleak. First, prime minister-elect Binjamin Netanyahu's aides responded to the index by blaming Labor's economic leadership. Let them bear in mind that the time to bicker ended two weeks ago, and in its place has come the time to do. Secondly, as for doing, the emerging coalition agreement will reportedly contain a plethora of lavish stipulations for an assortment of tunnel-visioned and sectorially inclined parties. The problem is not with these parties' aims - theirs is the voice of the people - but with their assumption that the only way to address their (Continued on Page 3)

CPI's 1.7% rise points to 15% annual inflation Jerusalem Post Staff

THE cost-of-living index for the month of May rose a higher-than-expected 1.7%, veering the annual inflation rate farther away from the outgoing government's declared targets and casting yet another thick cloud over its successor's macro-economic inheritance. Initial expectations were that the index would hover around the 1% level. Judging by its pace during the first five months of the year, annual inflation will reach 15% by the end of 1996, twice as high as last year's much-celebrated, 26-year-low of 8.1%, and higher even than the previous year's 14.5%. The outgoing government hoped this year's inflation, like last year's, would settle at a single-digit level. The sharpest rise in consumer prices last month, 3.6%, was in housing, where dollar-denominated rents and second-hand apartments appreciated in tandem with the shekel's 2.4% depreciation over that period, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported. Since the beginning of the year, the dollar's value has risen 4.3% in shekel terms, while rents appreciated 6.8% and apartment prices rose 10.4%. Prices also rose in an array of other categories, ranging from

clothing and footwear (4.4%) - which ordinarily see higher demands this time of the year due to summer sales - to culture and entertainment (1.5%), which reflected, among other factors, the appreciation abroad of paper, and its consequent impact worldwide on the prices of books, journals and newspapers. The one category which ran counter to the general trend was fruits and vegetables, where prices actually declined, by 3.4%, apparently due to the market's gradual recovery from the initial impact of the ongoing closure on the territories. The increased supplies of fruits and vegetables last month subtracted 0.2% from the overall index. Aides to prime minister-elect Binjamin Netanyahu said in response to the May index that the outgoing government is leaving behind it an economic crisis, highlighted by yawning deficits and accelerating inflation, Israel TV reported. Manufacturers' Association president Dan Propper said the index's sharp rise proves the Bank of Israel's tight monetary policy has failed, since inflation is still rampant while export profitability and the commercial sector's growth have been hurt.

Coalition talks near deadline

SARAH HONIG PRIME minister-elect Binjamin Netanyahu's advisers held marathon meetings with potential coalition partners last night in an effort to put together a government in time to present it to the new Knesset tomorrow. To do so he must submit all coalition agreements and guidelines by 4 p.m. today. The only matter which does not have to be spelled out till the very last moment is the distribution of portfolios within the Likud. However, all other coalition arrangements must be in writing a full 24 hours before the government is presented. As things appeared last night, there are still plenty of hurdles ahead. But even though some new problems cropped up at the last moment, Netanyahu's right-hand man, Avigdor Lieberman, remained confident over the weekend that the objective is attainable. One new hurdle was supplied by Shas, the first party with which the Likud assumed it had successfully concluded an agreement. Shas surprised Netanyahu with a set of new demands after he had just completed arduous negotiations with the National Religious Party. Netanyahu went to see Shas mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef after midnight Thursday, when it became apparent Shas was smarting because it felt the NRP had received too much. The Shas-NRP rivalry had been one of the major sticking points of the entire negotiating process. Both parties had fought bitterly over the Religious Affairs portfolio and then the NRP sulked after it realized that Shas had netted two major portfolios (Interior, and Labor and Social Affairs). To compensate the NRP, its two ministers were awarded three portfolios - one major (Education), one medium (Transport), and one minor (Energy). As a result, Shas now complained that it is "unfair that a party with only nine MKs [the NRP] should get three portfolios, while a party with 10 MKs [Shas] would be entrusted with only two portfolios," in the words of Shas MK Shlomo Benizri. But even if these considerations of prestige could be overcome, Shas now put up new demands regarding the coalition guidelines. The most worrisome is its demand for coalition discipline on legislative initiatives by the religious parties, including amendments or additions to the Basic Laws. However, the Likud cannot consider such a demand, which is sure to incur the wrath of The Third Way and Yisrael Ba'aliya parties, both of which oppose the extreme demands and have demanded freedom to vote their consciences on religious issues. It is precisely this freedom to which Shas now objects, arguing that "This would make a mockery of all the promises made to the religious parties on questions relating to the status quo. If the coalition does not unify on these issues, it will not have a majority to pass any of the amendments we want. So what is the point of guidelines if The Third Way and Yisrael Ba'aliya can veto it all?" Benizri asked. The Third Way brought up a new demand of its own, which also may make life more difficult for Netanyahu. After it succeeded in getting a firmer Likud undertaking on the Golan, The Third Way now wants to be allowed to push a bill requiring a special Knesset majority and a special referendum majority on any decision to cede Golan territory. But while the Likud was a co-sponsor of such legislation in the outgoing Knesset, it now prefers to leave things as vague as possible in the guidelines in order not to provoke international condemnation and pressure. Third Way leader Avigdor Kahalani has been told that, now that the Likud is at the helm, the Golan situation is very different and the Likud will not make the reckless concessions Labor was prepared for. Thus, not only is there no need to tie the Likud's hands on the issue, but this would be counterproductive. Kahalani responded that he is not asking the Likud to vote for his bill, just to allow him to submit it. However, the Likud would probably find it highly embarrassing not to vote for a bill it cosponsored while in the opposition. Perhaps the greatest problem of all remains the hotly contested Construction and Housing portfolio, the object of a fierce tug-of-war between Yisrael Ba'aliya and United Torah Judaism. The Likud had sought unsuccessfully to convince the UTJ to let YB have the portfolio with a UTJ deputy minister, with the understanding that all UTJ housing objectives for the haredi community would be given top priority. Another failed attempt was to convince YB to take the chairmanship of the Knesset Finance Committee (promised to UTJ) in compensation for the Housing portfolio. YB has made its demand for the Housing portfolio ultimative, threatening that unless it receives its demands it will not join the coalition. (Continued on Page 3)

"LIBI" THE FUND FOR STRENGTHENING ISRAEL'S DEFENSE Jerusalem Friends of LIBI are holding a Festive Show at the Tower of David in honor of LIBI and to mark the 3000th anniversary of Jerusalem, City of David Sunday, July 7, 1996, at 8:45 p.m. at the Tower of David, Jerusalem In the presence of the Mayor of Jerusalem, Ehud Olmert MK Featuring: Yehoram Gaon The IDF Orchestra conducted by Col. Yitzhak Gradano Fireworks display All proceeds to the LIBI fund for IDF education purposes. Tickets: LIBI Fund office Tel. 03-5695610, 03-6977697, 03-6975183 Price: NIS 150

UN team abandons vigil at Baghdad compound

BAGHDAD (AP) — UN weapons inspectors ended a five-day-old vigil outside a suspect Iraqi military base yesterday as newspapers made scathing attacks on the head of the UN group charged with destroying Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

UN sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the 53-strong team will fly out of Baghdad for Bahrain, the regional headquarters of the UN Special Commission, today.

Reporters visiting the Republican Guard building in suburban Baghdad found that the inspectors and their vehicles had left the scene yesterday.

They had blocked three entrances to the site with cars to prevent any material or documents being smuggled out of the compound.

It was not known at what time they left and the sources declined to say why the round-the-clock vigil was abandoned.

UN officials declined all comment and said all questions should be referred to the chief of

the Special Commission, Rolf Ekeus of Sweden, who is in New York.

Ekeus said Friday he would arrive in Baghdad on Wednesday to present the council's demands and noted that the inspectors currently in Iraq would probably be withdrawn soon because they were exhausted by the standoff.

The compound at the core of the latest standoff is in the middle-class suburb of Al-Qadissiyah. It is one of five military sites in and around the Iraqi capital which, since Tuesday authorities have refused to allow the inspectors to search for banned weapons material.

Yesterday's move came after the UN Security Council rejected an Iraqi proposal to permit inspections of the targeted sites under certain conditions. The council insists on unconditional access to all suspect sites in Iraq.

While Iraq's government-run newspapers blasted the commission and Ekeus, they made no mention of the Security Council demand.

That resolution, adopted Friday, stopped short of threatening military force to insure compliance and has yet to draw any official comment from Iraq.

Baghdad says the inspectors include US army officers who seek to spy on Iraq's military.

The UN believes that Iraq has not yet complied with Security Council resolutions ordering it to destroy all its long-range missiles and halt its nuclear, biological and chemical weapons programs along with the means of producing them.

Iraq must comply with these demands, pay war reparations and account for some 600 people missing since the 1990-91 Gulf crisis before crippling economic sanctions imposed on it for invading Kuwait in 1990 can be lifted.

On Friday, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz offered to allow inspections of the targeted sites but not before the United Nations first showed why it suspects that certain sites contain illegal weapons or documents.



NATO Secretary General Javier Solana (right) bids farewell to envoy Michael Steiner, Carl Bildt's deputy, after a short meeting in Sarajevo yesterday. Solana, accompanied by supreme allied commander Gen. George Joulwan (center) met with Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic to discuss IFOR's role in the upcoming Bosnian elections. (Reuters)

At least 85 killed in Indian cyclone

HYDERABAD (AP) — A cyclone and torrential monsoon rains that battered southern India for two days and killed at least 85 people yesterday headed toward Bangladesh.

The rains and the cyclone, which came out of the Bay of Bengal packing winds of up to 100 kph, destroyed nearly 450 homes in India's Andhra Pradesh state, leaving hundreds homeless, officials and news reports said.

In neighboring Bangladesh, local warning signals were hoisted in Chitragong and Khulna ports and the sea resort town of Cox's Bazar. The weather office in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh, warned that a cyclone was heading toward the country.

Every year, an average of 20,000 people are killed in

Bangladesh by floods, cyclones, tornados, heat waves or cold spells. The Bay of Bengal, a warm sea, is a breeding ground for cyclones.

In India, 36 people died in Andhra Pradesh state. The worst hit was Madanpally town, 550 km south of Hyderabad, the state capital, where 23 lives were lost in the last two days, said H. S. Brahma, the state relief commissioner.

Most of them were washed away by the gushing flood waters and irrigation tank bursts.

Brahma said rescuers in boats carried more than 2,000 people to safety. Nearly 200 houses collapsed in Madanpally.

Another cyclone storm was expected to hit the area in the next 24 hours, he said.

Farther south, in Tamil Nadu state, 31 people were killed on Thursday and Friday, mostly from drowning or when houses collapsed. Two of them were killed by lightning, Press Trust of India news agency said.

At least 35 fishermen were missing off the southeastern coast and may have drowned in the choppy seas, said *The Hindu* newspaper.

Seven people were killed when they were struck by lightning and a 50-year-old woman was electrocuted when she touched an electric pole, one of many uprooted by the storm in Andhra Pradesh state, officials said.

Initial reports said large tracts of farmland in the area, about 2,000 km southeast of New Delhi were damaged by the storm.

New York lives through a week of terror

NEW YORK (AP) — It was the kind of afternoon that floods Central Park with joggers, bikers, skaters, kids, nannies with strollers.

Into that sunny swirl of life strolled a slight young man with murder on his mind.

Over the next eight days, a walking crime wave police now identify as John Royster viciously assaulted three women and battered a fourth to death.

The victims were linked only by their small builds, their vulnerability and the monster who attacked them.

Police say 22-year-old Royster, whom they describe as mentally disturbed, gave a statement detailing when he became that monster.

It was the afternoon of June 4 in Central Park just 40 yards from a crowded playground, as his mind flashed on the girlfriend who had rejected him in April and returned to her native Japan.

Just inside the park, he spied a lone woman walking.

The victim "didn't deserve the beating," detectives say Royster told them. "She did nothing to encourage it. I don't know why I did it."

Royster sexually assaulted the woman and repeatedly smashed her head against the pavement, disfiguring her so severely that it was three days before she was identified.

Fifty detectives were assigned to the case. The city rallied around the victim, much as it had seven years earlier when a gang of youths raped and brutalized a woman still known publicly only as the Central Park Jogger.

A day later, the monster emerged again — just 10 blocks south of the East Side hospital where his first victim was still in a coma.

Shelby Evans, 55, was grabbed from behind as she jogged. Police said her attacker grabbed her by the ears and smashed her face eight times into the asphalt. Only a shouting passerby saved Evans from worse damage — she spent three days in the hospital.

Before her release, the monster struck again.

It was June 7, the day the Central Park victim was identified as a 32-year-old piano teacher. Royster headed north to Yonkers, just beyond the city boundary, according to police.

A 26-year-old woman walking home on a footbridge near Van Cortlandt Park was approached from behind. Her assailant pounded her head into the bridge, leaving her face a bloody pulp. She, too, was sexually assaulted and ended up comatose. Detectives from

Yonkers and the city compared notes, drawn by the brutal similarities. But it was a fourth crime — murder — that led police to their suspect.

On Tuesday, after her morning subway ride from Queens, 62-year-old Evelyn Alvarez arrived at the Dutch Girl Cleaners that she and her husband had owned for a decade on well-heeled Park Avenue. It was 4:50 a.m. Her attacker slammed her head repeatedly onto a sidewalk; Alvarez did not survive. Police said Royster told them he robbed her of \$20 and took the subway back to a Bronx apartment where he was staying with a friend.

But this time, he had left behind a bloody fingerprint.

Detectives soon matched the print to a subway fare-beater — Royster.

On Wednesday night Royster was taken to the 19th Precinct, where he started talking. By the time he stopped more than six hours later, detectives were convinced this was their man.

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RITUAL

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paige several changes took place which helped to throw some light on the incumbent and his main rival. The Communist leader has considerable control over street rallies, while Yeltsin makes use of his control over the media.

In the last weeks of the campaign, Yeltsin went far and wide into the countryside in an attempt to balance the Communist influence there. He also dipped his hand into the revenues of the Central Bank and "borrowed" \$1 billion to pay for teachers' vacation arrears and to cover part of the state's debt to workers in the defense sector. He also used his great authority to rush some bills through the government to the same effect, namely to raise salaries and status of health and education specialists.

Whenever he went he made promises. His trip to Kazan was not only to appeal to Tatarstan, which claims independence of Moscow (through negotiations), but also an appeal to some 15 million other Moslems (some say 105 million) in the Russian Federation.

Yeltsin's main feat was the beginning of negotiations with the Chechen leaders and the ensuing armistice, shaky as it proved to be. Any agreement regarding the war, which had seemed so nigh, must be in his favor — although every child knows that the hope for true settlement between Moscow and Grozny is slim. On the other hand, both major contenders are

COALITION

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According to some Likud sources, the scenario emerging last night is that neither the UTJ nor YB will get Housing, but each would be promised that its priorities would be implemented.

The latest Likud plan, according to these sources, is that Housing would go to a Likud minister, who would have a UTJ deputy.

Who that Likud minister would be depends on how the other portfolios are allocated. Ariel Sharon is seen as having the prior claim to the portfolio, if he does not land Finance. If he does, then the next in line is Moshe Katsav, who has made it clear he would accept nothing less than Housing.

While all these external considerations preoccupied the Likud's negotiators, the ferment inside the party intensified, as many of its leading figures had no inkling whether they would be counted among the new ministers and, if so, what portfolios they would get.

The legal difficulties of Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan only deepened the mystery. Eitan is now reported to have agreed not to press for the Internal Security portfolio and make do with a well-paid Agriculture portfolio, perhaps with Environment thrown in.

The fact that the Internal Security portfolio has now been thrown back into circulation has got many Likud hopefuls scrambling for it. This has done little to dispel the bitterness inside the party, though so far no one but Katsav has dared air his complaints.

WONDER

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grievances is through budget transfers. If heeded, as they apparently will be, the emerging coalition's fiscal demands will add up to a price tag at least as inflationary as Shohat's wage raises.

To fulfill his Milton Friedman election promises, Netanyahu must not only refrain from expanding the budget — as his new partners are in effect prodding him to do — but in fact he must cut it by some NIS 5 billion, if he is serious about truly reducing the national deficits.

The alternative is even higher inflation and our further accommodation to the fool's paradise, where for four "wonderful" years we have been merely sinking roots.

YELTSIN

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called him "an old drunk".

The two front-runners in a field of 10 candidates wound up their campaigns on Friday, with Yeltsin appealing to Russians to unite behind him, and Zyuganov rebutting charges that he would roll back democracy.

One man has sought to prey on fear, the other to exploit anger. Yeltsin has warned of a return to communist repression and Zyuganov has ruthlessly pointed to the misery brought to millions by ill-executed market reforms.

Yeltsin said if reelected he would make major changes to his government to give new impetus to reform.

Zyuganov, 51, who has played a key role in rebuilding the Communist Party after its disgrace five years ago, promised he would guarantee freedom of speech and political activity.

He said he expected the next government to be a coalition.

Yeltsin, the first president of independent Russia, who was elected in June 1991 on a wave of anti-communist fervor, has

YELTSIN

worked hard to rekindle his huge former popularity.

Zyuganov, though far less charismatic a figure, has tapped the resentment felt by millions driven to poverty and the nationalist desire to restore Russia's historic greatness.

Voting has already started in some remote areas and in Chechnya, where separatists threatened to disrupt polling.

First unofficial results are expected soon after polls close in the western enclave of Kaliningrad at 1900 GMT tonight, and preliminary results from all of Russia are likely to be announced late tomorrow.

Pollsters say neither Yeltsin nor Zyuganov will win outright in the first round and will face each other in a runoff in July.

The outcome could then depend on deals with other hopefuls, among them ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, liberal economist Grigory Yavlinsky and reserve general Alexander Lebed.

Sheik Hasina seeks to form new Bangladesh gov't

DHAKA (AP) — Sheik Hasina, who is tipped to be Bangladesh's next prime minister, yesterday sought the support of the Jatiya party which finished third in last week's general election.

Hasina, leader of the Awami League, met Anwar Hossain Manju, the secretary-general of the Jatiya Party, in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh.

The Jatiya Party says its support

will be conditional to the release of its jailed leader and former President Hussain Muhammad Ershad.

The former general is serving a 13-year prison sentence for corruption. His government, was ousted in a pro-democracy movement in 1990, but Ershad was elected to parliament last week.

Sheik Hasina's response to the Jatiya Party's demand is not yet

known. Her party has won 133 of 300 seats that were voted on June 12. The Jatiya Party won 29 seats.

Former Prime Minister Khaleeda Zia, whose Bangladesh Nationalist Party controls 104 seats, has alleged widespread rigging in the elections and demanded fresh voting for at least 111 seats.

Results from 27 seats have been withheld for repolling ordered by the Election Commission.

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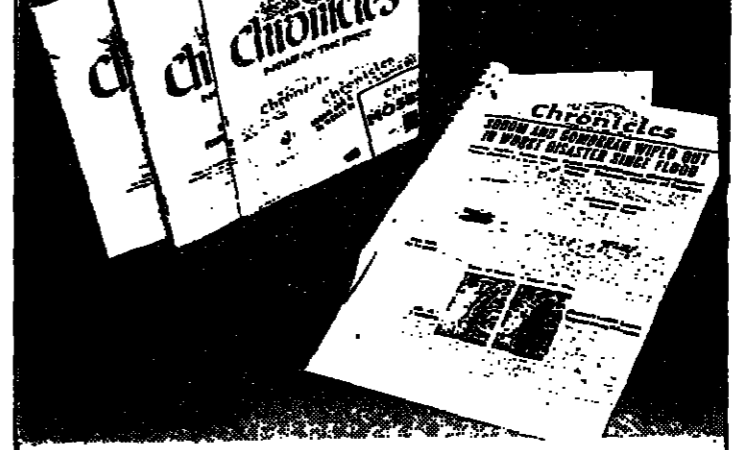
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Financial tidal wave rises from Sumitomo copper scandal

FINANCIAL ripples that threatened to become a tidal wave spread into the weekend from giant Japanese trading house Sumitomo Corp's revelation that it had lost \$1.8 billion, and possibly far more, in rogue copper trading.

The man behind what could turn out to be the biggest-ever loss in any financial market was in hiding after being fired by Sumitomo for unauthorized dealings over the past 10 years.

He was Yasuo Hamanaka, a 48-year-old trader known as "Mr Five Percent" and "Mr Hammer", who once was revered as the guru of the world copper market.

Sumitomo first announced the news in New York on Thursday, saying it had lost an estimated \$1.8 billion in unauthorized deals. But 24 hours later at Friday's

prices as the price of the metal plunged on the announcement, losses have probably climbed to over \$2.0 billion, well above the \$1.6 billion lost by California's Orange County municipality in investments in money and bond markets.

"This is probably the biggest loss that you will ever see in a financial market," said a senior manager in a major international brokerage in London.

Japan's chief government spokesman lamented a new financial scandal, which he said was evidence of the country's declining business morals.

"The moral fibre of all Japanese has deteriorated and they have become desensitized toward money," Chief Cabinet Secretary and government spokesman Seiuro Kajiyama told a news

conference. "I cannot but express deep concern that such tendencies have 'become widespread,'" he said.

Sumitomo Corp President Tomiichi Akiyama vowed the trading house would stay in the world metal markets and insisted the company's overall financial strength was strong.

"We have no plans to give up metal trading, despite the huge trading loss we made in the world copper market," Akiyama told a news conference in Tokyo.

"We deeply regret - and are profoundly embarrassed by - these severe violations of our company's business policies and our long-standing and clear standards of ethical and professional behavior," Akiyama said.

The losses at Sumitomo prompted memories of huge loss-

es rung up by traders at Barings, which was Britain's oldest merchant bank, and at Japan's Daiwa Bank.

Barings failed in 1995 after Singapore-based trader Nick Leeson ran up losses of almost \$1.4 billion through unauthorized derivatives deals.

Daiwa Bank was also hit by a scandal last year after it disclosed that a former bond trader at its New York branch incurred losses of \$1.1 billion over an 11-year period.

Daiwa was ordered to shut its US operations and in February pleaded guilty to concealing the loss and agreed to pay a \$340 million fine.

The Tokyo Stock Exchange sus-

ended trading in Sumitomo Corp shares for Friday until the dust settled.

In its New York statement, Sumitomo said it had first discovered evidence of the unauthorized trading on June 5.

Hamanaka was dubbed "Mr. Five Percent" because his trading team was believed to control five percent of the world's copper trade.

He was so influential that copper prices dropped by about 25 percent in recent weeks due largely to persistent rumors he had resigned from the firm.

Sumitomo, based in Tokyo and Osaka, said it had voluntarily notified regulatory authorities in the United States, Britain and Japan of the unauthorized trades.

While the loss is huge, it pales in comparison with Sumitomo's

annual sales of some \$152 billion. The company, founded 400 years ago ironically on the back of a small copper mine in Japan, is one of the world's leading traders and distributors of commodities and industrial and consumer goods.

Sumitomo said it discovered the unauthorized transactions while cooperating with the US Commodities Futures Trading Commission and Britain's Securities and Investment Board in their investigation into copper prices.

During that effort, the company received a contradictory bank statement that prompted further probing by Sumitomo. At that point, Hamanaka "called his superior and confessed that he had engaged in an unauthorized series of transactions that resulted in

substantial losses that he intentionally concealed" by falsifying corporate books and records, Sumitomo said.

When the first markets opened in Asia on Friday copper prices whipsawed in volatile Asian trading, at one point dipping close to last week's two-year low of \$1,880 a ton after ending London trading overnight on Thursday at \$2,165.

The volatility continued on European markets and rippled on into the weekend.

Metal traders worldwide said the price of copper - a metal widely used, especially in electrical wiring - could fall to as low as \$1,750 or even \$1,600 a ton.

On the London Metal Exchange, three-months copper had recovered to \$2,045 a ton by Friday afternoon from an earlier low at \$1,860. (Reuters)

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Clinton hits Dole on tobacco statements

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Bill Clinton, in an oblique jibe at Republican challenger Bob Dole yesterday, accused politicians of parroting the tobacco company line in questioning whether smoking was always addictive.

Clinton, in his weekly radio address, also took aim at liquor companies, urging them to honour their voluntary ban on broadcast advertising.

The president did not mention Dole by name, but clearly was referring to the former senator's remark this week that he did not believe tobacco was addictive for everyone who used it.

Likewise, Clinton did not name Seagram's when he criticised "a major company" for the decision to break with tradition and air television ads for whiskey. But he urged the firm to "pull those ads."

On the smoking issue, the president seized upon Dole's comments to a sympathetic audience in the tobacco-growing state of Kentucky.

In attacking the efforts of the Food and Drug Administration to regulate nicotine as a drug, Dole said: "For some people, smoking is addictive; others, they can take it or leave it. I hope children never start."

Clinton ridiculed the idea that cigarettes were not necessarily addictive, citing the decade-old conclusion to the contrary of Surgeon General Everett Koop. He also noted that Koop held his post under Republican President Ronald Reagan.

"So when political leaders parrot the tobacco company line, say cigarettes are not necessarily addictive, and oppose our efforts to keep tobacco away from our children, they continue to cater to powerful interests, but they're not standing up for parents and children," Clinton said.

The president's re-election campaign released a two-page fact sheet listing \$368,350 that Dole had accepted from tobacco interests over the past 16 years, either for his various political campaigns or his political action committees.

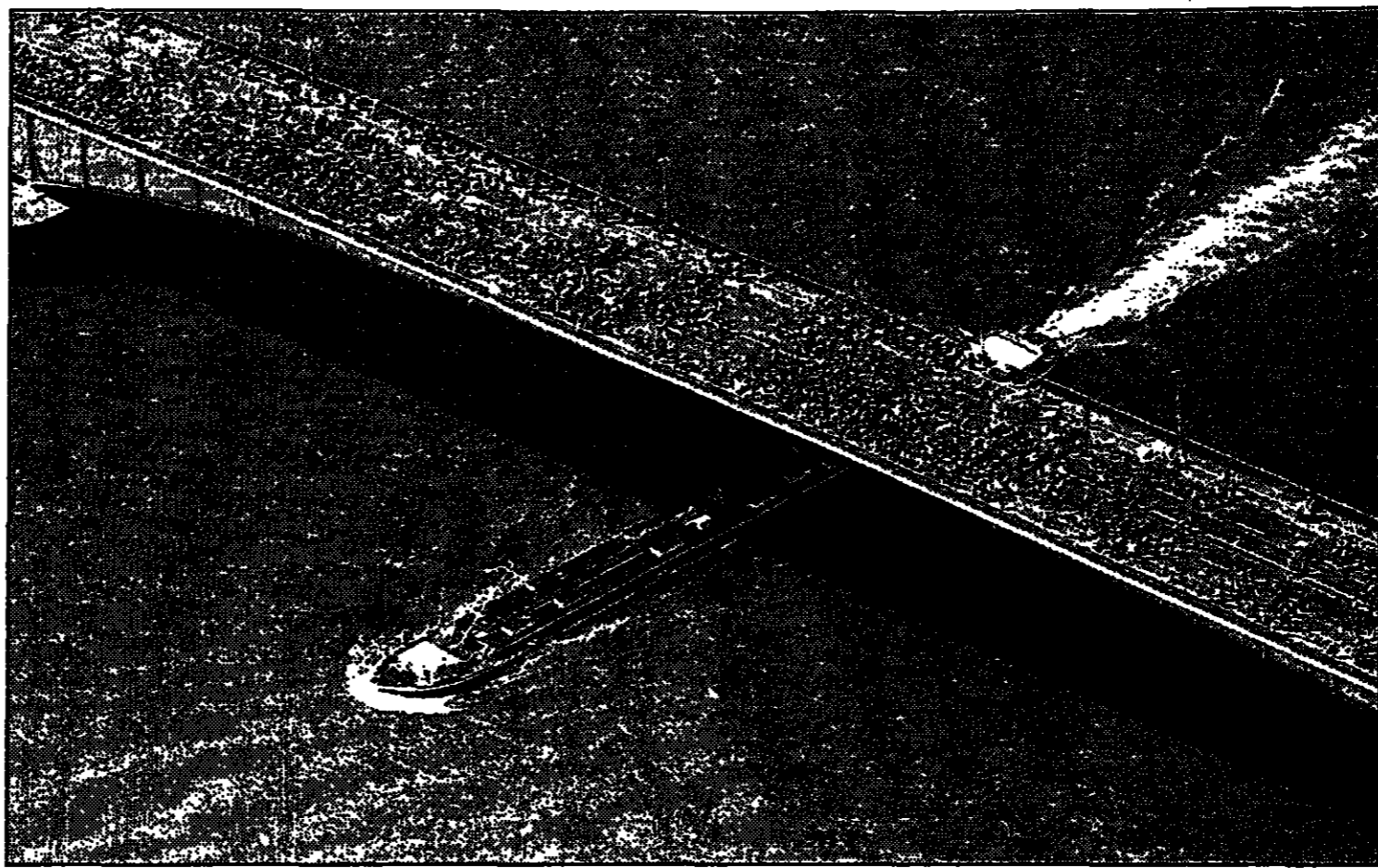
It followed up with another salvo yesterday, asserting that Dole had taken 38 special flights in the last two years aboard tobacco industry corporate jets.

"Apparently when it comes to Dole's policies, you get what you pay for," scoffed campaign press secretary Joe Lockhart.

Dole later rejected the criticism, saying there was nothing wrong with accepting legal contributions from tobacco companies.

Clinton's attacks on tobacco have become a common theme of recent campaign speeches. In an appearance this week in Glendale, Calif., he said his administration was the first to ask the tobacco industry to accept regulation of advertising aimed at children.

In his radio address, the president said every day 3,000 children started smoking and that 1,000 of them would eventually die because of smoking-related problems.



Demonstrators march across a bridge spanning the Rhine in Bonn on their way to a protest against the German government's plans to cut public spending. Police in the German capital estimated that some 400,000 people took part.

Journalists on trial for insulting Tudjman

ZAGREB (AP) - The trial was adjourned Friday for two journalists charged with insulting President Franjo Tudjman in a case illustrating the Croatian leader's efforts to clamp down on independent media.

It is the first such court case in independent Croatia, and Tudjman's foes say it is reminiscent of the country's past as part of the Communist Yugoslav federation.

With Tudjman's consent, the public prosecutor last month brought charges against Viktor Ivancic, editor in chief of the satirical weekly *Feral Tribune*, and Marinko Culic, a writer.

About 150 people attended the trial, which judge Marin Mrcela adjourned until Sept. 25, calling three other *Feral Tribune* editors as witnesses.

In the April 29 edition, Ivancic and Culic ridiculed Tudjman's idea of a reconciliation between World War II fascists and communists, and compared him to Spanish fascist dictator Francisco Franco, who promoted similar ideas.

The Split-based *Feral Tribune*, one of four national newspapers outside Tudjman's control, frequently lampoons the president and his authoritarian rule.

Tudjman is promoting a reconciliation of all Croats by making Jasenovac - now a memorial to victims of fascism in World War II - a joint memorial to victims of fascism, communism and the 1991 Serbo-Croat war.

Secretary Malcolm Rifkind said at a major ministerial conference on Bosnia.

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Pressure mounts to oust Karadzic

FLORENCE (Reuters) - The international community is demanding the swift removal of Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and has made clear that Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic must help bring him to justice.

"Karadzic has to go now. He has to be eliminated from all power and influence, literally in the next few days, in the next few weeks," British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind said at a major ministerial conference on Bosnia.

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as planned by September 14.

Karadzic was repeatedly identified at the meeting as the most serious obstacle to a stable peace and to the Dayton plan to use the elections to forge Bosnia-wide common institutions for Serbs, Muslims and Croats.

US envoy Robert Frowick, head of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) mission charged with organizing the Bosnian polls, said Karadzic had to be removed either by Milosevic or Bosnian Serbs.

"Somebody has to act soon whilst the international community is there in maximum strength both militarily and on the civilian side. This is the time to do it," Frowick told reporters.

Milosevic secured a suspension of a crippling UN economic embargo imposed on rump Yugoslavia for its part in fomenting Bosnia's war after the Dayton deal was signed last December.

The head of the UN tribunal, Antonio Cassese, called in Florence for limited economic and sporting sanctions against Serbia if Karadzic and Mladic remained free.

Though Cassese's call was not endorsed by any of the major powers, diplomats said the stick of renewed sanctions was privately being waved at Milosevic.

"We certainly have made clear to Milosevic that that is an option and international pressure for such a step is growing," a senior US delegate said.

The NATO-led implementation force in Bosnia has no mandate to hunt Karadzic or other indicted criminals but troops are under orders to detain any suspects they come upon.

"They are aware of what such an adventure would entail, because the two of them are defended not only by the army and the police but by the people as well," said Kljickovic.

Liberia refugee ship missing

ABIDJAN (Reuters) - Aid workers scouring the Atlantic coast of Africa from a light plane failed yesterday to spot a rusting Russian ship with 450 Liberian war refugees barred from ports for 18 days.

Aid workers estimate the West African refugees, many of them Liberian, must have run out of water after the vessel *Zolotisa* (Little Golden One) was last supplied on Monday.

"They have not sighted the *Zolotisa*," said Phil Doherty, a spokesman for medical charity Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF - Doctors Without Borders) which organized the search.

"They flew from Abidjan all the way to Accra and looked at Takoradi and Tema ports," Doherty said after the plane returned to Ivory Coast.

"We don't know what to do, but we've called a meeting to discuss the next step. We can only hope for the sake of the passengers that it is in some small port."

Residents of the Ghanaian capital Accra reported sighting a small white ship escorted by a navy gunboat on Friday but it had disappeared by yesterday. Its identity could not be confirmed.

MSF launched the search after Ghana forced the *Zolotisa* from port nearly a week ago and refused to give information on its whereabouts or condition.

"If there are 450 people on that small, rusting fishing boat, conditions must be pretty bad for them," said Doherty.

Jazz legend Ella Fitzgerald dies at 78

JAZZ singing legend Ella Fitzgerald died yesterday at her Beverly Hills home, a family spokeswoman said. Fitzgerald was 78.

Fitzgerald, who had been in poor health in recent years, died peacefully at home surrounded by family and friends, the spokeswoman said. In 1993, both of her legs had to be amputated below the knees.

Fitzgerald was known as the "First Lady of Song."

In a career spanning nearly 60 years, she built a reputation among musicians and singers for her clarity of tone, rhythmic perfection and a range from sombre lows to tinkling highs.

A composer as well as a singer, Fitzgerald wrote or co-wrote a number of popular songs, including "You Showed Me the Way," "Once Is Enough for Me" and "Please Tell Me the Truth."

She had been suffering complications of diabetes for several years. In 1993, she had both legs amputated below the knees.

Miss Fitzgerald died peacefully, surrounded by family and friends, said spokeswoman Andrea Hecht. Neither she nor other colleagues would reveal the exact cause of death.

Her fans knew her as just Ella. She recorded more than 250 albums. Her voice could shatter glass or bubble with nonsense syllables in the "scat" style that became her trademark.

Her prolific work prompted an industry joke: "Poor Ella, she can't play piano. All she can do is sing everything right on the first take."

Her biggest hit, "A-Tisket, A-Tasket," which she co-wrote, is in the Grammy Hall of Fame.

Critics hailed her voice as "an ecstatic soprano," "a pure, rich sound with a great range," "full of swinging energy," "possessing a smooth, clear, jazz-infused style."

Well-known jazz critic Leonard Feather praised her "bell-like clarity of tone, range and rhythmic brilliance."

Rosemary Clooney once said: "She sounds like a tiny girl with innocence and a new approach each time she sings."

Fitzgerald's voice could become an instrument in the band, or soar above it.

During a concert tour in August 1985, she was hospitalized briefly for treatment of fluid buildup in her lungs. In July 1986, she was hospitalized again after suffering congestive heart failure.

She underwent bypass surgery the following September. In 1993, diabetes led to the double amputation.

Miss Fitzgerald was married twice, in 1941-43 to shipyard worker Benny Kornegay, and in 1948-52 to jazz bassist Ray Brown. They had a son, Ray Brown Jr.

A private funeral was planned, according to Hecht.

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Hillary prepares for Poland visit

BY ROBERT NOVAK

A high-level White House advance team has been in Poland, preparing for an as-yet-unannounced visit by Hillary Rodham Clinton to Warsaw and Krakow. Democrats hope it will reap a rich ethnic-vote harvest for the Clinton-Gore ticket.

The July trip also will include stops in the Czech Republic, Hungary and other countries with strong ethnic ties to the United States. President Clinton has given his wife access to his speech-writing team, and she is being briefed by key State Department officials.

Eastern European ethnic leaders have criticized Clinton for delays in enlarging NATO to include Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary. The president's strategy is for the first lady to deliver major policy speeches on her trip, winning acclaim abroad and quieting critics in such states as Illinois, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

NETANYAHU AND LOTT

Soon after his election as prime minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu engaged in a long Jerusalem-to-Washington telephone call with an important ally: Republican Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi, who is about to replace Robert J. Dole as majority leader.

That raised eyebrows and caused surprise in Democratic quarters. Aides told this columnist that to the best of their knowledge, Senate Democratic Leader Thomas Daschle did not talk to the Israeli leader.

Netanyahu has close ties with conservative Republicans. Jack Kemp, Lott's friend and political ally, introduced Lott and Netanyahu (who are now on a "Trent" and "Bibi" first-name basis). Their phone call was arranged by Richard Fox, a prominent Philadelphia Republican and Jewish community leader who played an active role in the presidential campaigns of Kemp and Steve Forbes.

PURGE THE POPULIST

Well-placed congressional Democrats are talking about purging 80-year-old Rep. Henry Gonzalez, a sometimes eccentric populist, as chairman of the Banking Committee if their party regains control of the House in this year's election.

Gonzalez's feud with the Federal Reserve Board has been in the tradition of Texas populists, but Democratic colleagues are frequently embarrassed by his conduct, such as his refusal to participate in the House's daily pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Gonzalez would be succeeded by the next senior member of the Banking Committee, 56-year-old Rep. John LaFalce of New York, who has served in Congress for 22 years.

PURGE THE LIBERAL

Religious conservatives, who were trashed by Sen. Arlen Specter in his short-lived bid for the Republican presidential nomination, are making plans to get even in 1998 by opposing his renomination for his Pennsylvania seat.

Key national political operatives view Rep. Robert Walker, a highly influential member of the House Republican leadership and a key adviser of Speaker Newt Gingrich, as the best challenger against Specter. But Walker, who is retiring from the House after 10 terms, is saying no to the Senate bid. He does not relish the idea of trying to raise \$7 million for such a campaign.

Specter campaigned for president by stressing his abortion-rights position and attacking the Christian Coalition. He easily defeated an anti-abortion challenger in the 1992 Republican primary, but next time will have to face the fully mobilized power of the religious right.

TEA FOR ARISTIDE?

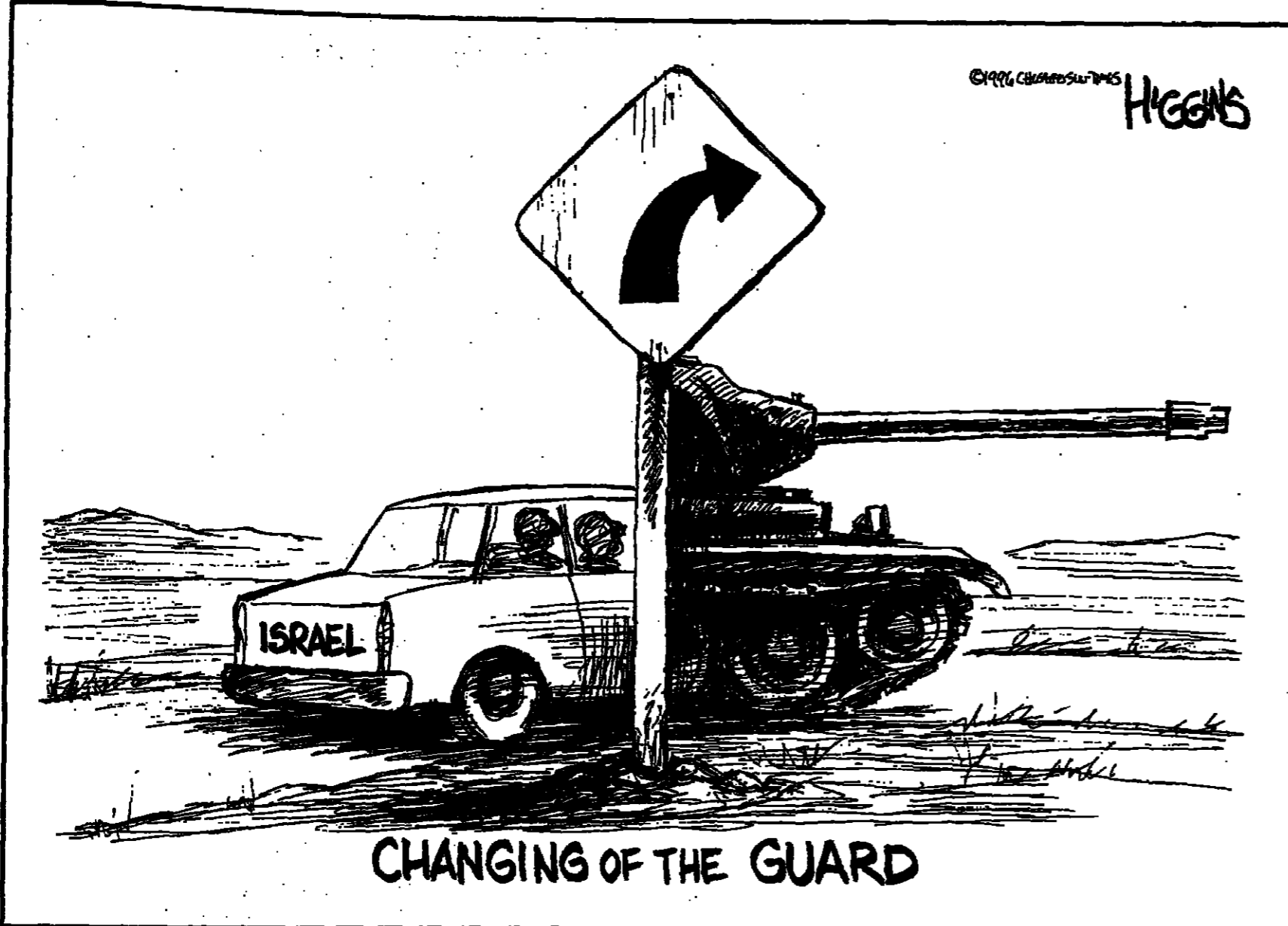
On his June 17 visit to Washington and President Clinton, former Haitian president Jean-Bertrand Aristide will be received at the White House for an afternoon tea - not the gala dinner that was widely thought scheduled for him.

Aristide's Washington representatives contend that nothing more than a tea was ever envisioned. According to Haitian sources, however, a major dinner was promised Aristide by Clinton in partial payment for stepping down as president this year as required by Haiti's constitution. The visit comes at a time when the Clinton administration is saying little about Haiti, where the economy is in decline.

With less than a week remaining before Aristide's visit, no announcement had been made at the White House and no invitation had been issued for an event of any kind.

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CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Waiting game

Clinton officials bank on peace hopes

BY MATTHEW COOPER

Nov. 4 was a sunny day in Washington and, not surprisingly, Bill Clinton took to the putting green that he had installed a few yards from the Oval Office. The finely manicured patch of turf is terra firma for Clinton, his getaway. Not surprisingly, then, the president was by himself when Anthony Lake came dashing toward him with Deputy Chief of Staff Harold Ickes just a few paces behind.

Lake told Clinton the news: Yitzak Rabin was dead, assassinated at a peace rally. This was not the first time that the mild-mannered Lake had brought bad news to Clinton. Conveying the deaths of American soldiers, whether in Somalia or on training missions, regularly fell to Lake. But never before had the national security adviser or even Ickes — Clinton's friend for more than a generation — seen the Arkansan so upset. Instead of becoming misty eyed or biting his lip, the usual expressions of his empathy, Clinton sobbed inconsolably.

Clinton's attachment to Israel is visceral, instinctual. Part of it is clearly born of Clinton's political needs. Why not be the most pro-Israel president in American history? What upside was there for Ike at Suez or Bush and Baker trying to nickel and dime Israel over loan guarantees? If the budget deficit made him pinched at home, unable to fill his LBJ-sized belief in the efficacy of government, then Israel was a place where a few billion could still make a difference. Modest support plus diplomatic muscle might equal history's greatest concord. But Clinton's attachment to Israel is not motivated solely by a need for applause at AIPAC fund-raisers or a longing to enshrine his legacy. Clinton had long been counseled by his pastors at Little Rock's Immanuel Baptist, first W.O. Vaught and then Rex Horne, about the importance of the Holy Land and its chosen people.

Clinton and his allies had been in denial about the possibility of a Likud victory. "We were not thinking about it with great energy," confesses a senior administration official. No kidding. The Clintonites couldn't — wouldn't — see it: Peres was Israel's Dole, unable to win the big one. Almost willfully, Clinton officials put Bibi

Netanyahu out of their minds even though his youth and vigor had his parallels in Clinton's (or Newt's) rise. Clinton himself stayed up until 1 a.m. in the White House residence watching the returns.

What now for the Clinton administration? Officials are painstakingly trying not to prejudge Netanyahu, hoping that he'll emerge as the centrist he portrayed himself as in the waning days of the campaign. Senior administration officials rest their hopes on the following set of prayers... et... assumptions:

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— Bibi is a pragmatist. Clinton officials are banking on Netanyahu's political savvy. They assume that, unlike the 1993 Clinton model, he'll recognize his slim mandate. He won't go settlement happy, they pray, and he won't trash the region's glasnost. "He is a very different prime minister than Rabin or Peres or Shamir," says one senior administration official. "He's not at the end of his career. He wants a future."

— Middle East peace is institutionalized. The hope among Clinton officials is that Middle East peace is now a fact of life that no prime minister can entirely reverse. There's something to that theory. Relations with a panoply of Arab states from Morocco to Bahrain are warming; a regional economic framework has been built around events like the Casablanca summit where Arab and Israeli businessmen from 61 nations shook hands over a bevy of joint projects. Forget about the Arab nations: Israel is enjoying 6.8 percent economic growth, owing in large measure to the rest of the world. Only 96 countries recognized Israel before the Madrid conference in 1991; today, it's 157. The number of tourists to Israel has doubled since 1991. Israeli exports to

Asia leapt 33 percent in 1994 alone. These other lucrative markets are vulnerable if Israel checks out of the peace process. Indeed, the markets will probably deny Ariel Sharon the Financial Ministry he covets, lest investors get rattled. Moshe Ahrens, Clintonites suspect, will get the top financial post.

What's more, Clinton officials hope that ballast will be provided by all the Palestinians and Israelis who now deal with each other regularly. Literally hundreds of officials from both sides are involved in the final status negotiations, for example. "Likud spent years trying to find Palestinians with whom they could negotiate," says the same senior Clinton official. "The PLO never countenanced such talks and the process failed. Now there is a Palestinian institution with which they must deal."

— Bibi can tame the crazies. The hope in the Clinton administration is that Netanyahu will keep the Sharons and the Eitans at bay by giving them lower level positions while putting more reasonable sorts in senior posts. Clinton administration officials would be encouraged to see Yitzak Mordecai who has commanded Israeli forces on three fronts as the next Defense minister.

— Clinton is popular. Clinton administration officials know that public opinion polls show Bill Clinton to be overwhelmingly popular in Israel. Thus, they're hoping that Netanyahu will be loath to confront him. "He's not like Bush and Baker, Texans who were said not to have a visceral feel for Israel," says Robert Zoellick, a senior foreign policy adviser under Bush.

What if Netanyahu doesn't turn out to be the pragmatist that the Clintonites are praying for? It won't matter — not in terms of White House policy anyway. It's hard to imagine the Clinton White House proposing to, say, withhold aid as the Bush administration threatened when they briefly attempted to deny Israel loan guarantees during the zenith of its Russian immigration. "I can't see them showing any guts," says Zoellick.

He's right. Clinton will weep for Israel, but he won't fight her.

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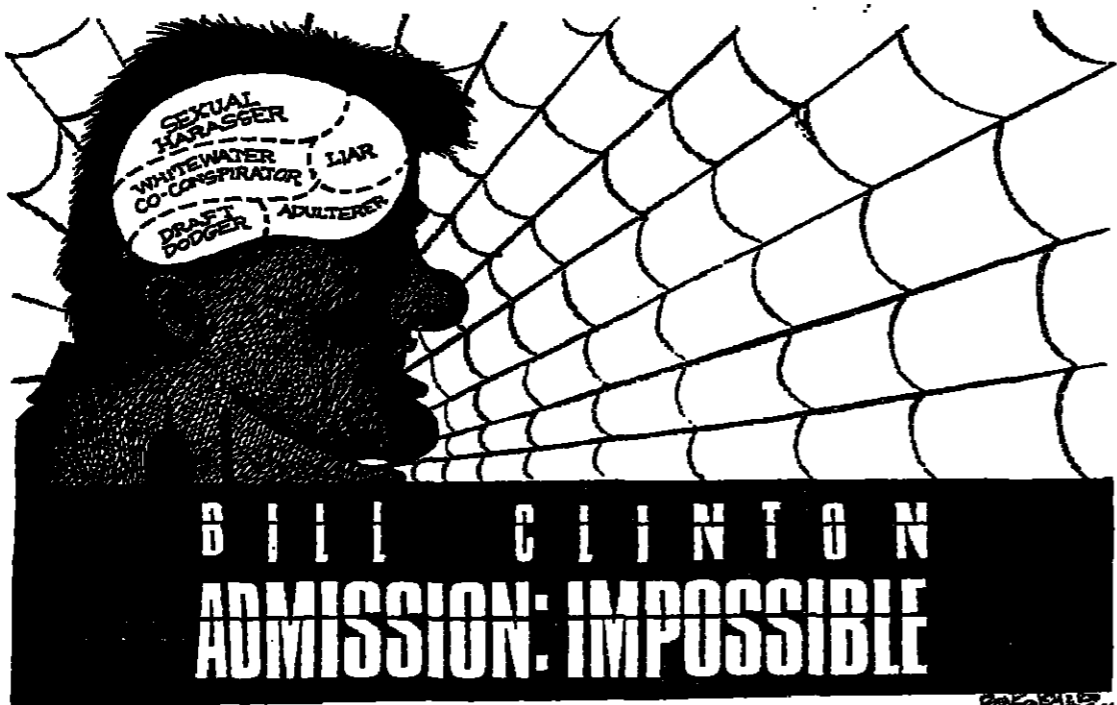
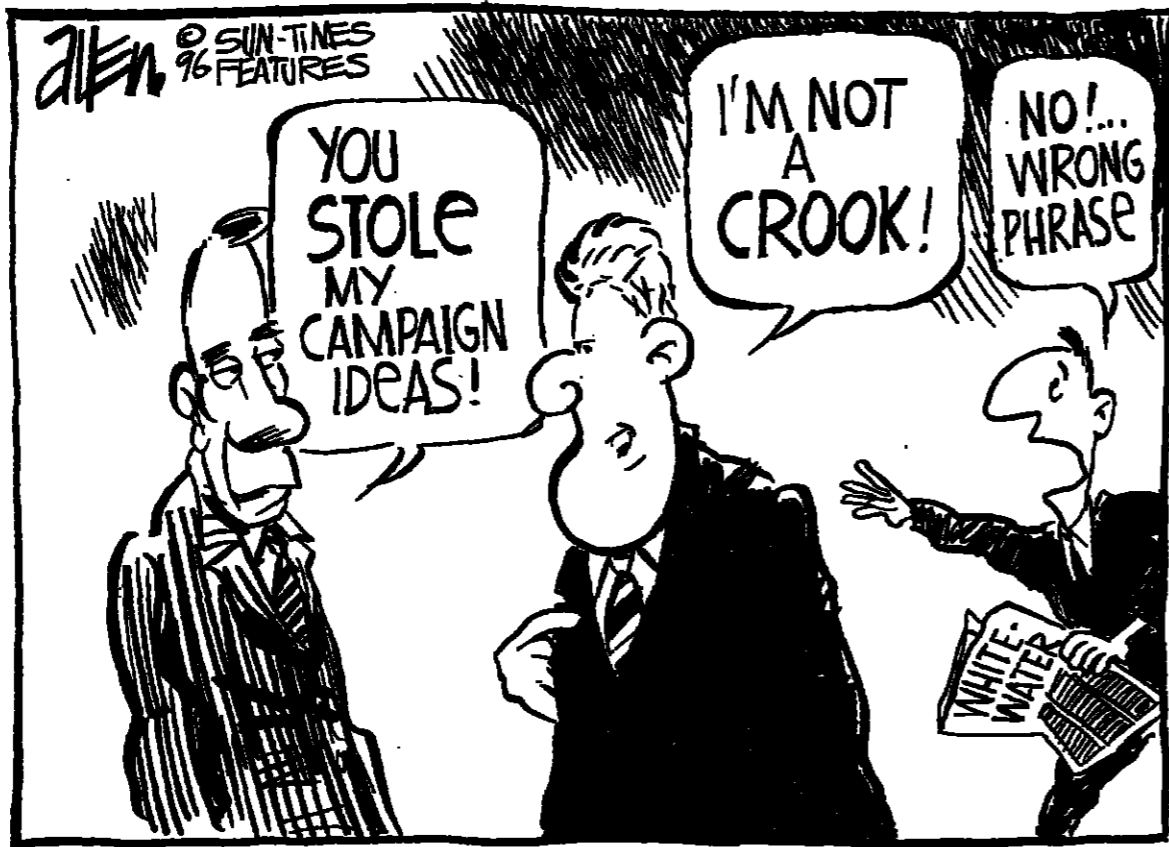
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Female legislators uncover IRA bill's homemaking message

BY HANNA ROSIN

American women have struggled for decades to be seen as professional equals, and your remarks put these women back in the category of chattel.

Which American woman penned this bitter indictment? Catharine MacKinnon? Patricia Ireland? Pat Schroeder? If you guessed Schroeder, you're in the right ballpark, but still off. The correct answer is Jennifer Dunn, Republican congresswoman from Washington, who last month fired the angry missive to two of her male Democratic colleagues, Jim Moran and Paul Kanjorski, and got nine of her female colleagues to sign on to it. The women were miffed by something Moran had said at a hearing on Travelgate, after he recognized Virginia Thomas, a top aide to House Majority Leader Dick Armey and wife of the Supreme Court Justice: "What is Mrs. Clarence Thomas doing here?" he asked. "I really smell a political witch-hunt." Outraged, the women struck back. "Your actions today were sexist and thoughtless," they wrote, and bid him "swiftly" make amends to "all working women."

Since when did Republican women join the universal sisterhood? Well, apparently they had a mass epiphany one day when presented with a certain hard truth about the difference between the sexes. At an informal get together of GOP congresswomen in May, someone brought up the problem of the gender gap — the fact that more women than men vote Democratic. This year the gap is wider than ever, with Clinton leading Dole by nearly 20 points among women, and Democratic congressional candidates leading their Republican challengers by 16 points. The congresswomen concluded that the gap was due to a big misunderstanding. "I think we've gotten a bum rap," Congresswoman Tillie Fowler complained to The Washington Post. "We're not an uncaring, unfeeling party." Dunn emerged from the meeting confident: "I think we can tell the story of what our party is trying to do, a softer edge to the conservative message."

The soft new approaches Dunn and company have come up with will warm the hearts of some

American women. "Every day Dick Morris stays on the Clinton payroll is an insult to the victims of rape," blares a press release dispatched by Dunn's office. Morris, the Clinton strategist, polled potential jurors for the defense lawyers of Alex Kelly, the silver spoon brat from Darien, Conn., whose parents whisked him off to ski resorts in Europe when he was accused of raping two local high-school girls. Nothing to be proud of, certainly, but the victims of rape might have more pressing concerns. For instance, where was Dunn's blitzkrieg of faxes demanding Bob Packwood's resignation? Or her indignant defense of the Violence Against Women Act (which she supported — but quietly)?

The next attack came from freshman Sue Kelly. Her target was New York Democrat Charles Rangel, who in an overheated moment, called budget cuts by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Newt Gingrich a "gang rape" of the city. "The latest figures... show that more than 102,000 women were raped across the nation," Kelly wrote, taking Rangel literally. "These women deserve better from their public officials than careless rhetoric, trivializing the brutal crime of rape."

Even Virginia Thomas has been swept up in this feminist-come-lately wave, posing the kind of rhetorical question that would have made Hillary — at least the Hillary of old — proud: "Would they be happy if I went home and made babies instead of this?" she complained angrily in Roll Call.

Funny she should mention that. It reminds me that in the spirit of fairness, I should mention that several Republicans have come up with more substantive proposals for addressing the gender gap. And they all have to do with, well, staying home and making babies. The most serious comes from Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who is about to propose the Homemaker IRA Bill. The legislation corrects what Hutchison calls discrimination against homemakers. It allows families with one spouse at home to contribute up to \$4,000 to an IRA — the same amount as families with two working spouses. The other two ideas are experimental in the same vein: Republican pollster and MTV commentator Kellyanne Fitzpatrick proposed a homemaker tax credit in The Wall Street Journal, and Walter Tucker, writing

in the Standard, proposed reviving the family wage, a progressive-era pay scale that paid a working man enough so that he wouldn't have to "farm out his wife and children to feed and clothe all of them."

It's not hard to read the coded message to American women: find a husband and settle down. After all, the bill could have been called the Household IRA, and applied to single-parent homes or unemployed fathers. Instead, Hutchison chose to reward only the homemaker.

There is also the question of who this helps. It may be true that the majority of women polled say they would rather stay home than work. But nearly \$2,000 more in savings, or a tax credit, will hardly make up for their annual salary. The tax shelters are an extra boon for wealthier women.

In the end, it seems the invitations into Dunn's all-female tent are being doled out very selectively. When it comes to welfare mothers, the GOP women aren't quite so worried about who stays home with the kids. Jennifer Dunn is the spokeswoman for the latest round of Republican welfare proposals. At a recent hearing Dunn berated Mary Jo Bane, Assistant Secretary for Health and Human Services, for defending Clinton's exemption from the work requirement for families headed by a single parent "who has a demonstrated inability to obtain needed child care." "I'm going to interrupt you, Mrs. Bane, because we have heard all of this before," Dunn barked. "I suspect that what we are seeing is a situation where you are setting this bill up to be vetoed again." So much for tenderness.

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FOLKS WANDA KNOW WILL THE NEW BOB DOLE GIVE UP REFERENCING TO HIMSELF IN THE THIRD PERSON?

LEAVE MAKE BOB DOLE'S POSITION ON THAT CLEAR.

BOB DOLE WILL NOT USE THE WORD "I," BECAUSE IT'S OVER BEFORE YA KNOW IT ALMOST BEFORE YA SAY IT.

"WHAT'D HE SAY?" "HE SAID 'I'." "I' WHITE NO?" "WHY THE HECK DOES HE MEAN? PEOPLE ASK."

BUT WHEN BOB DOLE SAYS "BOB DOLE," PEOPLE SAY "BOB DOLE IS TALKING ABOUT BOB DOLE." THAT'S A BOB AND A DOLE AND A DOLE. TWO SHARPS, NOT ONE.

YA KNOW SINK YA TIGHT INTO IT, BOB DOLE. YA TONGUE.

"BOB DOLE BOB DOLE BOB DOLE." "YEA MATHICAL."

LIKE A BIRD CALL. BOBBOLLE BURRADOLLE BURRADOLLE. ONE ALWAYS FORGES SANDER.

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SUNDAY COMICS

Doonesbury

G. B. TRUDEAU

MY FELLOW AMERICANS, I AM HERE TO ANNOUNCE TO YOU THE RESULTS OF THE SENATE VOTE ON THE BUDGET. THE BUDGET IS APPROVED. THE BUDGET IS APPROVED. THE BUDGET IS APPROVED.

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PEANUTS

FROM HERE YOU CAN SEE EVERYTHING!

DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF YOU IS BEAUTIFUL "TURTLE LAKE."

AND OFF TO YOUR LEFT ARE THE FAMOUS "RUNNING ROCKS."

AND ON YOUR RIGHT IS THE MAGNIFICENT "SILVER CLOUD" WATERFALL...

AND IF YOU LOOK BEHIND YOU, YOU'LL SEE THE MOST WONDERFUL SIGHT OF ALL...

THE ANGEL FOOD CAKE THAT HARRIET BROUGHT ALONG!

Slip

By JERRY MURPHY

IF YOU BUY ME A DRINK, I'LL PREDICT YOUR FUTURE.

THANKS!

SO WHAT'S MY FUTURE?

YOU WILL NEVER FALL FOR THAT TRICK AGAIN.

Calvin and Hobbes

WE SHOULD MAKE DAD A FATHER'S DAY CARD.

OKAY, I'LL DRAW A PICTURE OF HIM ON IT.

WELL, MAKE HIS MOUTH BIGGER. HE USUALLY LOOKS ANGRIER THAN THAT.

GOOD MORNING, DAD! HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

IN APPRECIATION OF YOUR SERVICE AS DAD, TODAY I AM LIVING ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF YOUR FATHERLY WISDOM.

CALVIN, WHAT TIME IS FIVE IN THE MORNING??

YES, EARLY TO BED, EARLY TO RISE. YOU ALWAYS SAY...

I WAS GOING TO BUY YOU A NICE PRESENT, BUT A PENNY SAVED IS A PENNY EARNED, AS YOU SAY.

SO I'M NOW EARNING 6% ON THE MONEY I DIDN'T SPEND.

YES, DAD, THANKS TO YOU, I'M A HAPPIER, BETTER PERSON.

GOOD WORK, SOCRATES.

I KNOW I'D MADE A MISTAKE THE MINUTE I SAW THAT LITTLE BLOOMING LOAF IN THE HOSPITAL BASSINET.



THE LAST OF THE GREAT BUNGEE JUMPERS!

LADIES AND...

COMPOKES...

WHAM

EAT YOUR HEART OUT, JACK KEVORKIAN.

TODAY'S SUNDAY PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- Swish position
 - Take care of
 - Veronous snake
 - One of the diamonds
 - Almonds
 - Hiho greeting
 - Altus
 - Open to view
 - Mourtain nymph
 - La Scala site
 - Main artery
 - Mr. Hamman's child
 - Shakespeare's river
 - Install new equipment
 - Exquisite
 - Remember — Braun
 - Coup d'—
 - Fencer's blade
 - Motors's org.
 - Perennial
 - Run
 - Play for time
 - 11th president
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 - Dancer Astaire
 - Class
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 - Prince Valiant's son
 - Cut of meat
 - Armed —
 - Unhappy
 - Drone
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 - Ignore
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- Italian commune
 - Cake ingredient?
 - Shut tight
 - Aquarium fish
 - Musical composition
 - Bele-bric holder
 - Seed cover
 - Fast
 - Flushed
 - Pretreat
 - Marsh
 - Sky blue
 - Purpose
 - Vacation spot
 - Foundation order
 - Flow forth
 - Cosplay
 - Actor Baldwin
 - Tree's fluid
 - Small, soft
 - Dark, to a poet
 - Babbled
 - Concated
 - Russian city
 - Skater's leap
 - Pretty kid
 - Throw out
 - Beast
 - Type of orange
 - Afternoon social
 - Military cap
 - Architect Saarman
 - Get A+ on a test
 - Leg: slang
 - Timorous
 - Sloped walkway
 - Thing, in law
 - Ohio or Utah
 - Goodbye, Plaid
 - Boston airport
 - Out of the way
 - The Devil
 - Fortuneteller's card
 - Egg-shaped
 - Whitely blade
 - Shad
 - Foe
 - Drive away
 - Inventor Whittier
 - Daybreak
 - Fur merchant John Jacob —
 - Composer West
 - Central American country
 - Civil War general
 - The season ...
 - Elaborate meal
 - Singer Irene —
 - Pod vegetable
 - Vene
 - Gov. Whitman's capital
 - Cautious
 - Better's goal
 - Small child
 - Light tank
 - Sustains
 - Car fuel
 - Rodent
 - Berate
 - Bed support
 - Red evening
 - Eagle's nest
 - Irish islands
 - Group of wolves
 - Race-track bet
 - Linder
 - Man or ape
 - Profound
 - Libre
 - Rapest
 - Red waitress
 - Texas city
 - Collect
 - Bain top
 - Warden
 - Goal
 - Also-ran
 - Representative
 - Intrable
 - Discussion group
 - Grow weary
 - House division
 - Hawk's opposite
 - Tim
 - Greek letter
 - Rowan or Rafter
 - Miaus
 - Tavern serving
 - Field event



Princeton grads are Clintonized

BY SEAN WILENTZ

Princeton held its 249th commencement last Tuesday, and it featured a speech by President Clinton. For weeks beforehand, campus VIPs had been, understandably, in a tizzy, but they needn't have worried. The sun blasted through an early morning haze and dappled the throngs of graduates assembled beneath the maples on Nassau Green. The faculty, normally eager to leave town or return to the library at first opportunity, turned out in what looked like record numbers. The crowd laughed and applauded on cue during the salutorian's Latin address. The president spoke well, and at decent length, on an issue of national importance. And the locusts didn't sing.

As Bob Dylan's fans know well, Princeton has a locust problem, or more precisely a cicada problem. Every 17 years, swarms of the orange-and-black insects reappear, having fattened up below ground on juice sucked from plant and tree roots. Unlike genuine locusts, they don't harm local crops (not a big worry in Princeton anyway); but the whirring din of the amassed males of the species has been known to drive even the most single-minded of scholars to distraction. When Dylan received his honorary Princeton D. Mus. degree in 1970 (mordantly described in his song "Day of the Locusts"), a "high winding trill" cut through the academic formalities and sent the raspy-voiced one racing back to the Black Hills of Dakota.

TRADITION

Tradition dictates that Princeton invite the sitting president to campus every half-century, to help commemorate the university's founding in 1746. Grover Cleveland spoke in 1896; Harry Truman spoke in 1947; and now it was Clinton's turn. But what if now, on the occasion of the university's bicentennial, the cicadas ruined everything? No problem, as it happened. A few days before the event, I ran into a university officer who had just departed from a commencement planning session. ("Clintonizing," he called it — strange verb, so full of possible meanings!) He assured me that this spring's uncommonly cool weather

had faked out the pests, and that they would be showing up too late for the festivities. Sure enough, on June 4, they stayed home. Some universities — and some politicians — have all the luck.

Looking out from the stage, past the university gates to the corner bank and the jeweler's and the streets beyond, it was striking, and a bit heartening, to see some Princetonians calmly going about their business, as if nothing was transpiring on campus. Some of them, perhaps, did so defiantly. ("See here, I'm a Republican, and I'm damned well going to deposit my dividend check!") Most, though, seemed simply to be making their usual rounds, unmoved by all the pomp and circumstance and political majesty. The ceremony, Latin and all, was a deeply American one; but so was their indifference to it. An early line of Whitman's came to mind: "The President is up there in the White House for you... it is not you who are here for him."

POLICY

Still, most of the people in the street stopped to listen; and Clinton, on this day, was worth listening to. He came to Princeton with a policy jock's plan, for tax credits to help guarantee Americans the financial resources necessary to acquire two years of higher education. Most Princetonians (and their overclass relatives) wouldn't really need the money. And as we later learned, most of us would wind up helping to fund the plan, in part by paying

Haute Princeton, at least, had been Clintonized. And the only whirring and trilling to be heard was the sound of a campaign about to go into full swing.

higher airline departure taxes on flights abroad. But in making his pitch — riffing flawlessly, his well-toned jaw muscles flexing large — Clinton made the point that so few liberal politicians seem capable of enunciating

any more, namely that the betterment of the lives of ordinary Americans is in the best interests of the fortunate few. And when, taking a leaf from E. J. Dionne, he explained to the graduating seniors that they were on the cusp of "a new progressive era," he sounded as if he had at long last retrieved a theme for his presidency. Maybe he bragged a little too much about his administration's accomplishments: Princetonians know campaign boilerplate when they hear it. Overall, though, he was impressive.

Or so people were saying at the rapturous private reception for university trustees, administrators, faculty and alumni held directly after the exercises. It was a supremely well-connected, politically savvy, mostly liberal group. (The choicest bit of gossip making the rounds had to do with the young Trent Lott's allegedly perfidious role during the desegregation of Ole Miss back in the '60s.) Many of those present had told me, over the years, of their immense frustration about Clinton's flip-floppery. But after the speech, when Clinton actually came round, those frustrations seemed to evaporate (as they always seem to in the presence of our great national charmer). There was a titter of genuine affection as Princeton's president, the blessedly restrained Harold Shapiro, beamed and presented Clinton with enough Princeton gear to outfit his entire family.

And, when Clinton finished his remarks and started to work the tent, I saw some of the most formidable egos of the Western world melt in his presence. Even Steve Forbes, Class of 1970, seemed to glow just a little when he joined the reception line and had his handshake and brief chat with the man whose job he tried to take. By that time, the president was sipping mineral water from a plastic bottle, looking a little weary but relaxed, every bit the reigning political heavyweight.

Haute Princeton, at least, had been Clintonized. And the only whirring and trilling to be heard was the sound of a campaign about to go into full swing.

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Constitution stalls on info superhighway

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah is conducting hearings about a new form of child pornography, which raises fundamental questions about how far government should be able to go in regulating thoughts, ideas and images. The object of the proposed new legislation is to criminalize computer-generated depictions of child pornography that are entirely the product of imagination and do not require the use of actual children in the production process. Sen. Hatch has put it this way: "Today, visual depictions of children engaging in any imaginable form of sexual conduct can be produced entirely by computer, without using children, thereby placing such depictions outside the scope of federal law." Nor is there any dissent from the administration on this issue. Attorney General Janet Reno agreed with Sen. Hatch, asserting that "we are not going to permit exciting new technology to be misused to exploit and injure children."

The fact that children are not being directly exploited by the makers of this kind of kiddie porn — as distinguished from the videotaping of children actually engaging in sexual acts — should be welcome by those truly concerned about the sexual exploitation of young people. A rational approach to the criminalization of such smut would concentrate law enforcement efforts against those pornographers who actually use children in the production of pornographic films and videos.

There are four distinct kinds of harms that can flow from the production and consumption of child pornography, and they must be analyzed separately.

The first and most direct is to the children who are filmed engaging in sex. No one can doubt that any pornographic film made in this country which actually uses real children necessarily violates our laws against underage sex, even if the children "consent" to engaging in the sexual behavior.

The second, and far more speculative harm, is to other children, who may become victims of pedophiles stimulated to the act of child molestation by consuming child pornography. There is no reliable evidence of the empirical relationship between watching kiddie porn and actually molesting a child. The vast majority of people who get their jollies from watching kids have sex do not themselves engage in sex with children.

The third "danger" is the moralistically tautological claim that anyone who watches kiddie porn has corrupted himself, even if he never engages in any sexual act against a child. This approach has no place in a secular democracy where it is none of the government's business to save the souls of sinners from their own self-abuse, so long as it harms no one else.

The fourth danger is that sexual predators may use child pornography to lure children into sexual liaisons. But such liaisons are already illegal, and attempts to entice children into sex are also against existing law.

When considered in the context of these different kinds of harms, computer-generated child pornography is analogous to fictional literary accounts of child sex, such as those contained in Vladimir Nabokov's "Lolita."

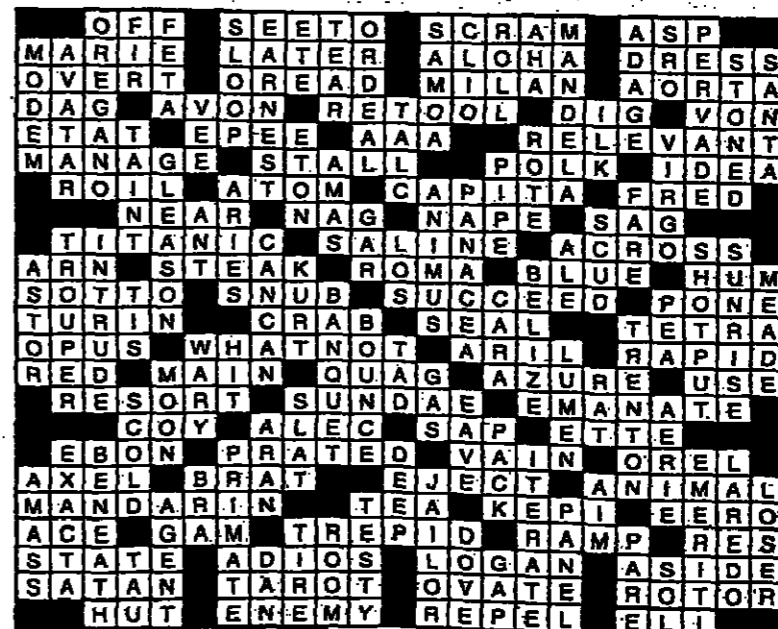
The proposed law that would criminalize computer-generated depictions of child pornography raises the larger and more profound question of whether the government should regulate the ideas of its citizens, as well as their actions.

The bottom line is that politicians will do everything they can to avoid even the appearance of siding with anything that even comes close to pornography — especially child pornography. Therefore, it seems that as "exciting new technologies" are developed, we are likely to see new laws criminalizing the "imaginings" and "virtual realities" of our citizens. And as with any new regulations that seek to criminalize thoughts and expressions that are the products of our minds, these laws are bound for a collision with the Constitution on the information superhighway.

Civil libertarians, of the left, right and center, should unite in opposition to laws that would breach the constitutionally required boundary separating thoughts that must be protected from actions that may be regulated.

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The tragic plight of Syrian Jewry

UNABLE to crush Israel, the Syrians spent their anger on their Jewish citizens, making their lives untenable. But they refused to let them leave. The story of the Syrian Jews' endeavors to emigrate during the past 60 years or so is tragic.

We learn something about the subject in Dr. Michael M. Lasker's contribution to *Pe'anim*, a biannual publication of the Ben-Zvi Institute devoted to studies about Jewish communities in the East.

Jews have lived in Syria since the time of the Second Temple. During the Middle Ages, more Jews dwelt in Syria than in Palestine. Jews fared tolerably well during the 19th century, except for the blood-libel period around 1840, when they were saved by the intervention of Sir Moses Montefiore.

Some became quite rich and even sat on municipal councils. The steady infiltration of European culture helped Jews and Christians alike. The French, who administered Syria after World War I, enhanced the status of minorities such as the Jews, Kurds and Alawites.

The Sunni majority reacted

badly. Jews were attacked in the cafes of Aleppo and Damascus when the Arab revolt raged in Palestine 1933-39. Damascus was the center of anti-Jewish, and anti-British, propaganda.

The authorities turned manifestly hostile when the French administration fell under the Vichy regime in 1940. Things improved however, after Syria and Lebanon were taken by British and Free French troops a year later.

The Jewish population of Syria had been dwindling since the beginning of the century, when it was estimated at 50,000. The census of 1943 registered 27,000 Jews, 17,000 of whom lived in Aleppo. Four years later there remained in Syria no more than 15,000, more than 5,000 of whom immigrated to Israel by the end of 1946.

Only 5 percent of the Jewish community could be considered opulent after World War II, observes Dr. Lasker, while 15% could be considered middle class. The rest were lower-middle class or just indigent, dependent for survival on contributions from rich emigrants to Mexico and South America, as well as the Joint Distribution

THERE AND THEN
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Committee in the U.S. Much of the money was spent on bribing the police and security services. Passports for foreign travel were issued scantily and against the deposit of large sums — the money was impounded if the traveler did not return within a few weeks.

Attempts to cross illegally into Lebanon were severely punished. Police was instructed to open fire on those apprehended crossing the border. Nevertheless, attempts to infiltrate into Palestine never ceased.

Among the Hagana officers who helped was Tuvia Arazi, brother of the legendary Yehuda Arazi who had done wonders in obtaining arms illegally for the defense of the Yishuv.

A FEW DAYS after the UN resolution on the partition of Palestine on November 29, 1947, disturbances erupted in Aleppo. Damage was done to 150 houses, 50 shops, 10 synagogues and five schools; 160 Torah scrolls were burned.

In February 1948, a bomb was

thrown at the doorstep of the Alliance school. Community leaders sent a cable to the Syrian president, pledging their loyalty, asserting their opposition to a Jewish state, and promising to contribute to the Syrian Republic. But more bombs were to come in the following months.

At the beginning of 1949 all banks received instructions to freeze Jewish savings and report on Jewish assets generally. Jews residing in Lebanon and Palestine were ordered to come back, or forfeit their Syrian citizenship.

A change seemed to occur in the middle of 1949 when Husni Zayim, the Syrian chief of staff, seized power. Ezra Danin, an Israeli expert on Arab affairs, believed the change augured well for Syrian-Israeli relations.

"It is not clear whether the rise of Zayim was helped by Israel," remarks Lasker, but "there is almost no doubt that Zayim wished to come to terms with Israel." An armistice agreement was signed in July, and the Syrians pulled their troops to the international border.

Syrian Jews were promised equal rights. But in August of the same year a bomb was thrown

into a synagogue in Damascus, causing 12 deaths and injuring 66.

Zayim ordered the arrest of the culprit. A youth admitted throwing the bomb. But on August 14, Zayim was murdered.

No law was ever passed by the Syrians barring Jews from leaving, but their passports were marked with an indication that their holders belonged to the Mosaic faith. Leaving Syria, even to Lebanon, could be effected only illegally. Some went disguised as women. Others boarded the train from Damascus to Beirut, bribing conductors en route.

A woman called Shula Cohen, in Beirut, did her best to help. She had developed connections with the Lebanese Deuxieme Bureau (Security Services). Her contact with the Mossad Aliya in Jerusalem was Yehuda Dominiz. Some Luftansa officials in Beirut took Jews to Istanbul.

It was extremely dangerous to travel by sea, as the smugglers sometimes delivered their charges to the Lebanese police. However, some 200 did reach Nahariya in this way.

In 1950 rumors spread in Beirut that Syria was to follow



Tuvia Arazi helped Syrian Jews infiltrate into Palestine. (David Rubinger)

the Iraqi example and allow all Jews to emigrate to Israel. But the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem was skeptical. "Any bias toward Jews was likely to lower the prestige of the regime in Damascus in Arab eyes," remarks Lasker.

And that is where the matter seems to stand to this day.



Balanced metering in 'tricky light' gives perfect exposure of deck chairs and tables at Tel Aviv's now defunct Dolphinarium.

Measuring light for photographic accuracy

ACCURATE exposure is the key to photography. Even with the best eye, if a frame is radically over- or under-exposed, the picture is lost.

Exposure or light meters enable the photographer to measure the quantity of light, and thereby achieve consistently accurate exposures.

Photoelectric exposure meters register light levels in terms of measurable amounts of electrical energy. The light-sensitive "cell" either converts light to electrical current or sets up a resistance to current (from a battery), both according to the level of illumination.

The now outmoded selenium cell meter generated a weak current proportional to the light received. The volume of electricity could then be calculated by a needle against a gauge. Selenium cells were slow to respond and eventually wore out, as did the one that came with my Leica M3.

The next stage, the resistor-type cadmium sulfide (CdS) cell meter, arrived with the miniaturization of batteries in the early 1970s. The CdS meter was relatively minute and easily incorporated into the camera body.

Though sensitive to a wide range of light intensity (down to

moonlight levels), CdS meters have a rather uneven response to the color of light, being over-sensitive to the red end of the spectrum. Also, they can be temporarily "blinded" for hours if directly exposed to sunlight.

The ultimate silicon cell meter has a more uniform and wider sensitivity range than the CdS. It is also faster, metering in only 0.04 seconds. Intense illumination does not affect its "memory," so there is no distortion from one reading to the next. The silicon cell, coupled with liquid-crystal display (LCD), is the choice of virtually all through-the-lens (TTL) metering systems today.

The exposure value (EV) scale seen on most hand-held meters indicates the device's metering range. So, a meter or camera measuring from EV1 to EV19 is slightly more sensitive than one whose range is between EV2 and EV18. The difference is important if you intend to use your camera at night, or for close-up work.

Reflected-light meters, whether hand-held or in the camera, measure luminance and the light reflected or emitted from the subject. Incident-light meters, always hand-held, measure illuminance and the light falling on the subject. Incident readings tend to be

ON CAMERA
DAVID BRAUNER

more accurate. When taking an incident reading, remember to slide the translucent (white) dome over the cell. Take the reading from the subject in the direction of the camera, not toward the light source.

Two other pointers when using a hand-held meter:

1) Outdoors, shade the instrument from above with your hand so that the reading is not overly influenced by the sky.

2) When you cannot approach the subject or the light is mixed (highlights and shade), meter off the palm of your hand and add one stop by either opening up the aperture by one click or by slowing down the speed one notch, but not both.

Most modern cameras are equipped with center-weighted averaging meters. Highest priority is given to the center of frame, where it is assumed [not always correctly] the picture's main interest will lie. The outer edges are proportionately weighted less heavily. The final exposure is an average of the edges against the center.

The most expensive cameras incorporate a multi-pattern TTL

metering system. Using sophisticated electronics, different sections of the frame are metered simultaneously, then balanced to achieve a foolproof exposure even in the most difficult lighting situations. But beware: Tests generally prove that reality falls short of the manufacturers' claims.

A third alternative is the "spot" meter, which is built into some cameras as an option. The spot measures the light within a very narrow angle, as little as one degree, against the 30-50 degrees most meters cover. The spot meter is useful when a subject is backlit (light source is behind the subject, rather than behind the photographer) or, for example, in photographing a ruin against a large amount of sky.

The thing to know about all metering systems is that none are 100 percent accurate. As Ansel Adams wrote, "I am content to be precise." Experience makes up the difference between meter accuracy and human precision.

If the subject is dark against light background or light against dark background, meter up close, from centimeters away, then move back to recompose remembering the meter reading.

Tilt the camera slightly downward when taking scenic shots, and meter more off the land than the sky. Aiming directly at the horizon will underexpose the negative, consequently darkening the print.

Similarly, snow and beach conditions where reflected light abounds require manual override. Open up by at least one, or better, two stops.

In tricky situations, such as strong light with heavy shadows, bracket, that is, take three frames: the recommended meter reading plus one stop over and one stop under.

And if you and your meter do make a mistake, don't fret. Sometimes the result can be more interesting than the properly metered picture would have been.

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England beats Scotland on Shearer, Gazza goals

LONDON (Reuters) — A diving header from Alan Shearer and a stunning volley from Paul Gascoigne gave England a hard-fought 2-0 win over "auld enemy" Scotland at Wembley Stadium yesterday.

It was the biggest international played in Britain since the 1966 World Cup final.

In other action last night, Spain and France played to a 1-1 draw.

The victory virtually guarantees the hosts a place in the last eight of Euro '96 and means that Scotland's interest will almost certainly end after their last group A match against Switzerland next Tuesday.

The match turned in three dramatic minutes late in the game after Scotland skipper Gary McAllister saw his 77th-minute penalty saved by David Seaman.

Still reeling from the disappointment of that miss, Scotland failed to cut out a Darren Anderson pass to Gascoigne, who swept the ball over Colin Hendry's head, ran round the Blackburn defender and smashed the ball past Andy Goram for England's second goal.

Shearer, who scored for England in their 1-1 draw against

Switzerland last Saturday, opened the scoring again after 53 minutes when he dived at the far post to head home a cross from Gary Neville.

England manager Terry Venables said: "We won with two great goals - Gazza's was brilliant. We played superbly in the second half."

Scottish manager Craig Brown added: "The penalty was the turning point. If we'd have scored that we probably would have won."

Gascoigne, Scotland's Footballer of the Year after helping Glasgow Rangers win the double last season, was one of a number of England players who came alive after the break.

Just as in England's opening match against Switzerland, the hosts were like two different teams in each half but, in contrast to last week, they saved their best for the second half in which they played better than they have done for months.

There was also a striking similarity with last week's match in that after England went ahead, their opponents were awarded a penalty.

Italian referee Pierluigi Pira-

etto judged that Tony Adams had hauled down Gordon Durie after 77 minutes, to the delight of the Scottish supporters behind the goal.

But their joy was short-lived as Seaman half-elbowed and half-punched McAllister's hard-hit kick high over his crossbar, leaving Scotland still looking at the end for their first goal in five matches.

England was initially inspired after the break by Steve McManaman, who terrorized the Scottish defenders with the kind of runs that bamboozled Premier League defenses last season but which were absent against Switzerland and in a patchy opening half on Saturday.

McManaman, halftime substitute Jamie Redknapp, Darren Anderson and Gascoigne, came alive after the break as England wrested the initiative from the Scots, who had looked sharper in the first 45 minutes.

But Scotland's failure to find the net - Durie watched in disbelief as Seaman appeared to suspend himself in mid-air and scoop a header to safety after 66 minutes - consigned them to defeat for the 44th time in the 108th



INSURANCE — Paul Gascoigne jubilates after scoring England's 2nd goal against Scotland. England won 2-0.

meeting between the countries, and the first since 1989.

The build-up to the match surpassed anything seen in English soccer since the 1966 World Cup final when England beat West

Germany.

On Friday, the Czech Republic surprised Italy 2-1 and Portugal beat Turkey 1-0.

Today, Russia takes on Germany at 5 pm and Croatia faces Den-

mark at 8 pm. Both games will be televised live by Channel 1.

Due to technical difficulties, the Euro '96 standings were not available.

Hap Haifa to get Croatian coach

ORI LEWIS

HAPOEL Haifa soccer club will be coached by Croatian Ivan Katalinic next season, after the club's president, Ruble Shapira closed a deal with the coach in England over the weekend.

Katalinic will take charge of the currently-coachless club following the sudden move by Avraham Grant to Maccabi Tel Aviv for the coming season. He is one of Croatia's top coaches and is currently with his national team which is taking part in Euro '96.

Katalinic will take the reins at the club at the end of this month.

On his arrival, Katalinic will find himself in the company of two of his countrymen, both of whom were hired by Grant before his departure from the club. They are Pavel Kaselovic, who is Croatia's reserve goalkeeper and Goran Subotic. It is expected that Katalinic will have another foreign player, since the club is allowed three.

Hapoel Haifa, along with Hapoel Tel Aviv, are Israel's representatives in the European Inter-Continental Cup competition this season.

Headed to the top Israel's athletics elite jumping with anticipation for shot at Gold medal



HEATHER CHAT

THE four men representing Israel in the athletics event at the Olympics all share a common goal - to stay airborne as long as possible.

Triple jumper Rogel Nahum, pole vaulters Danny Krasnov and Constantin Simyonev and high jumper Constantin Matusovich will all be trying to defy gravity, propelling their bodies to extraordinary heights.

At today's Israel Athletics Championships at Hadar Yosef, these four will be in action to prove their almost-peak performance next month in Atlanta.

Nahum, 29 from Maccabi Tel Aviv, is the only local bred among the foursome.

He holds the national triple jump record at 17.20 meters, which he established four years ago and his best distance this year is 16.75.

Nahum's syntax is dotted with references to his sport. "I'm on the way up," he says confidently, "I plan on doing 17.00 at the championships and maybe even a new record. I have the fitness to do it."

Nahum turned to the triple jump at the relatively late age of 17. "I started as a high jumper but the triple soon became my favorite."

Atlanta will be Nahum's second successive Olympics. In Barcelona he did not make the final but now he is optimistic about his chances of reaching the last 12.

"It'll be a war, very difficult to reach the final but I see myself doing it. I did it last year at the world championships which was not less difficult than the Olympics. But I'm not placing any bets on myself," adds the friendly, articulate athlete.

In Nahum's opinion, British world champion Jonathan Edwards is the athlete to beat but the opposition from the Cubans and Americans will be significant.

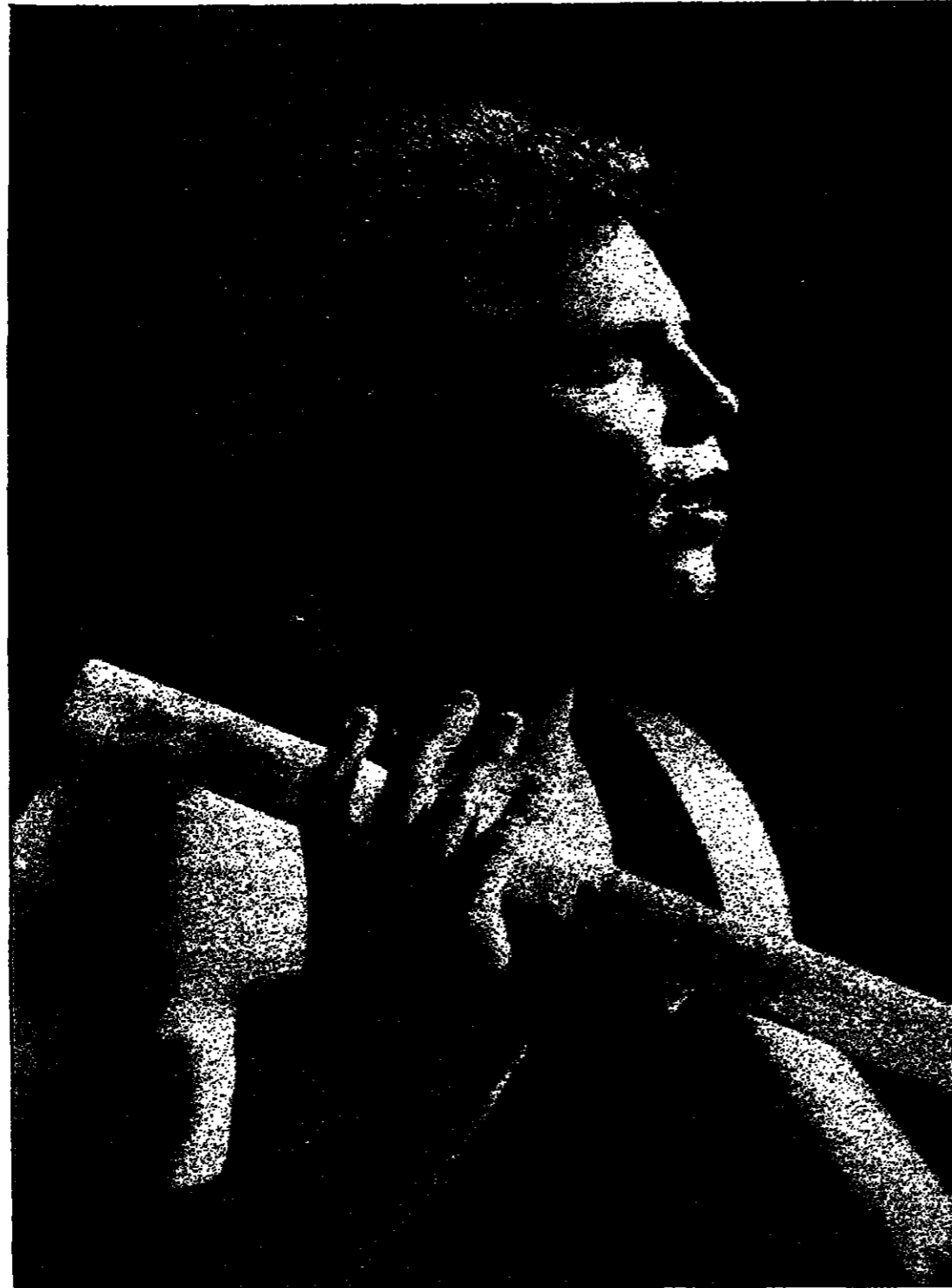
The Atlanta humidity, in Nahum's opinion, may be slightly in his favor. "I'm used to both the heat and training in humid conditions."

How does Nahum get along with this olim teammates? "We're all Israelis. I don't see them anymore as immigrants. But it's a pity there aren't more sabras because the Israeli crowd is partial to sabras and would probably be more supportive if there were more in the team."

Nahum's general view of the local athletics scene is clouded. "There is not much prestige in athletics and it does not attract enough youth."

Nahum's own experience when flying through the air may provide incentive to the youth. "When I reach the takeoff point, I just black out," he says, "I don't remember a thing until I land."

While Nahum turns to jumping to clear his mind, Krasnov's ope-



POLE POSITION — Danny Krasnov, who holds the national pole vault record of 5.75 meters, will no longer be representing his sport alone in the Olympics.

ch Arye Rosenor's thoughts are focused on the Atlanta humidity.

"Danny just returned from France where the humidity influenced him badly. It made it very tough for him to train and compete. He only managed 5.50."

Krasnov, 26 years old, holds the Israeli pole vault record at 5.75 which he achieved two years ago in Brussels. His best score this year is 5.65. He lives in Jerusalem's Kiryat Yovel neighborhood in a rented apartment which has no telephone.

Rosenor has known Krasnov since the young athlete was 10-years-old in Moscow, then only dreaming of an Olympic career. From age 15 Krasnov had already chosen the pole vault as his specialty. Both athlete and trainer have been in Israel for five years, based at Hapoel Givat Ram.

"When Danny arrived [in 1991], he had some good seasons but then he was injured. Now he's being programmed for Atlanta and he will be in good form," says Rosenor.

He believes that the Krasnov who competed in Barcelona and finished in eighth place, has little in common with the Krasnov of Atlanta.

"In 1992, he was not mentally fit for when he reached the final. The fight of the preliminary rounds took too much out of him.

This time, when he's in the final, he'll do better."

Rosenor hints that Krasnov's groin injury, which happened soon after Barcelona, was related to the enormous effort he expended there.

Unquestionably, 32-year-old Sergei Bubka is the main opposition with his world record of 6.14, but Rosenor says he is no longer alone at the top.

Rosenor's aim for Krasnov is a place in the final. "He has a good chance. He's at a high-level and is more mature now. He is approaching the best age of 30 so he can still improve. But he needs luck."

For the first time, Israel has two representatives in one track event.

Simyonev, who made aliyah one year ago from Tashkent, is excellent competition for Krasnov.

Simyonev, 26, lives with his wife in Netanya. He is officially registered with Maccabi Tel Aviv but claims that there is no contact between himself and the club now since a row over money matters.

He trains twice a day with his coach, also from Tashkent.

Although Krasnov is the national record holder, Simyonev's personal best jump is 5.80 which he produced two years ago in

Russia. His local best height is 5.70, cleared last month at Hadar Yosef.

Last week he competed in Moscow where his result was a disappointing 5.50, but Simyonev explains this as related to problems with the pole.

How does he rate himself for Atlanta? "I feel very good. I predict there'll be a new Israeli record there."

Matusovich's coach, Alex Merman, is more outspoken on his protégé's absorption than on his Olympic chances.

"It's not easy for him," says Merman, "he lives in an absorption center in Netanya which is slated to close and he does not make enough money to pay rent. Also the question of his being Jewish or not is frustrating."

Matusovich, 25, arrived in Israel over a year ago with his Jewish wife from Kiev in the Ukraine.

His best indoor jump was at the European Championships where he cleared 2.31 and his national record is 2.29, set at Hadar Yosef this year.

Of Matusovich's appearance at Atlanta, Merman says, "He has the ability to reach the final. That's our aim. His fitness is fine and will still improve before the Games begin."

The championships begin today at 6 pm.

The Schott agreement: More freedom, less power

ANALYSIS

JOE KAY

MARGE Schott can walk her dog around the ballpark. She can slide behind her desk in the Cincinnati Reds owner's office. She can head down to her front-row seat to watch the game and sign autographs.

The deal Schott cut with major-league baseball Wednesday gives her much more freedom than her last suspension, but much less power - at least, in theory.

Schott agreed to let someone else become the team's chief executive officer through the 1998 season, relinquishing all day-to-day decisions. Her authority consists of approving the budget and being consulted about negotiations for a new stadium.

"She will not have any day-to-day operational control of the Reds," acting commissioner Bud Selig said.

Schott's suspension in 1993 for using racial slurs was more confusing on the surface. Schott was not allowed to go into the Reds' offices - her door was locked the entire season - nor go onto the field. She couldn't sit in the stands for the first month.

The agreement Wednesday allows her complete freedom of movement. She can even take Schottzie on the field, one of her favorite things about being an owner.

"That's a serious question," Selig said, when asked about the dog on the field. "I'm not sure anyone has really contemplated it. ... She does have access to those areas."

Instead, the latest punishment is intended to cut into her management authority.

Schott's right-hand man, controller John Allen, will run the team for up to 60 days while another CEO is sought. Allen is not likely to do anything different than Schott would.

"I've heard he's an extension of Marge Schott," shortstop Barry Larkin said.

The questions will begin when Allen's successor is chosen by

mutual agreement.

- How much authority will the CEO have?
- "We can guarantee that this person is going to be a CEO," Selig said. "This is a situation that (National League president) Len Coleman will monitor very, very closely."
- There could be problems. Schott still gets to approve the budget, so what happens if she doesn't like what the new CEO is doing? Will her mere presence in the administrative offices undercut her successor?
- And if she's on the field, in the office and in the stands speaking her mind, won't she still be running the show?
- "Being able to go to baseball games and having an office, while an accommodation, is a long way from being CEO of anything, let alone a baseball team," Selig said.
- What does this mean for the team's finances?
- Schott ordered general manager Jim Bowden to start cutting the payroll this season. More payroll cuts were expected next year.
- The uncertainty over what happens now has some of the players on edge.
- "There's a lot of speculation on what may happen," Larkin said. "We heard (speculation) that everybody's going to get traded, they were going to just cut payroll. We've heard all kind of things. We just have to wait and see what happens."
- What role will Schott play in building a baseball stadium?
- Hamilton County voters approved a sales-tax hike in March to build a baseball-only stadium. The county has been negotiating with the Reds, primarily through Allen.
- The agreement gives Schott only an advisory role.
- "She can be consulted in those negotiations, on the construction

and location of the stadium, but that's it," Selig said.

County officials have not received any financial commitment from Schott - a necessary component before construction begins. There's not even an agreement on where the stadium should be built or what it should look like.

"I don't see this representing any change for the immediate future," county commissioner Bob Bedinghaus said. "I see John Allen still being there. I think we need to get a handle on what kind of authority John Allen has and what his replacement has. And we'll work through this."

What if Schott doesn't live up to the agreement?

"She violated terms of her 1993 suspension at least twice, by putting a message to fans on the video board on opening day and by passing a note to manager Davey Johnson during a game."

On both occasions, the National League decided only to remind her of the terms of her suspension.

Policing this agreement, which gives her much wider latitude, could be much harder. What happens if she publicly second-guesses the CEO? What if the outspoken owner tries to influence employees - some of whom are loyal to her - to do things her way?

"That's hypothetical," Selig said, adding that baseball will monitor the situation.

Will the turmoil that has followed the team finally dissipate?

Major league baseball thinks so.

"What we've done today we believe is in the best interests of that franchise and all the people involved," Selig said. "Hopefully, this action will now allow people to move on with their lives and not have this cloud hanging over their heads."

Others aren't so sure.

"I don't know if there ever will be a finality to the black eye that this organization continues to produce," Larkin said. (AP)

The NHL dynasty now a dinosaur

MIAMI (AP) — For parity, the NHL has nothing on the NFL. Just look at the results of the last five years in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

"It speaks to parity that two teams from these markets (were in the Stanley Cup finals)," Florida captain Brian Skrudland said of his Panthers and the Colorado Avalanche, both from small markets.

With the Avalanche winning the Cup this year, it marked the fifth straight season a different team won the league championship. The champions, in order since 1992: Pittsburgh, Montreal, New York Rangers, New Jersey and now Colorado.

That hasn't happened since the 1940s.

Also, consider what else happened this season: The Detroit Red Wings set a record for victories, yet lost in the Western Conference finals to Colorado.

The New Jersey Devils failed to make the playoffs this season after winning the Cup last season.

And the third-year Panthers, who had never made the playoffs before, got all the way to the Stanley Cup finals before losing a four-game series that actually was closer than the sweep indicated.

In some respects, hockey is a different game compared to the one played when such teams as the Canadiens, New York Islanders and Edmonton Oilers dominated the league for long periods.

A combination of free agents and, to a larger extent, the willingness of teams to trade big-name players because of their hefty salaries has helped change the game's face. Often, contract demands of the money-conscious modern player has forced teams to unload stars.

This season, Claude Lemieux, last year's playoff MVP for New Jersey, wound up in Colorado and helped another team win the Cup after a dispute with Devils management.

Also, the rapidly increasing influx of players from outside North America, particularly from Europe, has enlarged the NHL talent pool and sprinkled skilled players around the league in greater numbers.

The champion Avalanche, for instance, boasts a typical international mix with one German, one Latvian, one Swede, two Russians and two Americans, along with 17 Canadians on their playoff roster.

Another factor for parity: Goaltending has been as uniformly good as it's ever been in the league's history, with most teams boasting two good goalies. In the playoffs, of course, a "hot" goalie can carry a team, as Patrick Roy did for Colorado this year.

No greater case for the impact of a goaltender in the playoffs could be made than Roy's performance in Colorado's Cup-clinching 1-0 triple-overtime thriller last Monday.

Roy allowed only four goals on 151 shots in the finals.

The Avalanche needed Roy at his best throughout the playoffs, considering the stiff competition.

"We're very respectful of all our opponents throughout the playoffs," Colorado coach Marc Crawford said. "The Vancouver Canucks gave us an unbelievable test right away. We had four overtime games with Chicago, it was grueling to say the least."

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Sonics force Game 6 in Chicago today

SEATTLE (Los Angeles Times) — The Chicago Bulls' sprint to the NBA championship turned into a marathon Friday night, complete with a new finish line.

Their second chance to win a fourth title in six years disappeared under the blanket of a Seattle defense that at times allowed Michael Jordan the appearance of superiority but nothing when it mattered most, the fourth quarter. Rather, with the game — and the season — on the line, the SuperSonics reached down for a signature move, a stifling showing against the league's No. 1 offense and an 11-0 run that propelled them to an 89-78 victory before 17,072 at KeyArena.

"Well," Bull Coach Phil Jackson said, "we got a series now." Out of nowhere, the SuperSonics, once down 3-0 and 22-point losers at home in that Game 3, have managed to make it 3-2 and send the series back to Chicago for Game 6 today. A deciding seventh, if necessary, would be Wednesday at the United Center.

Just getting this far is something of an accomplishment for the SuperSonics, a notion that didn't escape their coach, George Karl. Not only in that they handed the Bulls their second two-game losing streak of the season — the first came February 4-6, at Denver and Phoenix — but seemingly doing it as a matter of pride instead of tangible value considering no team has ever come back from an 0-3 deficit in any NBA playoff series.

The SuperSonics could have gone south. But yesterday, they headed east. "I think tonight's game was the biggest test we've ever had as a basketball team, and we've had a lot of them this season," Karl said.

"Our men showed up. It was a went down out there. "I hope this team has shown it's got some class. It takes a lot of courage to go back to Chicago, and I don't think anybody doubted we could do it."

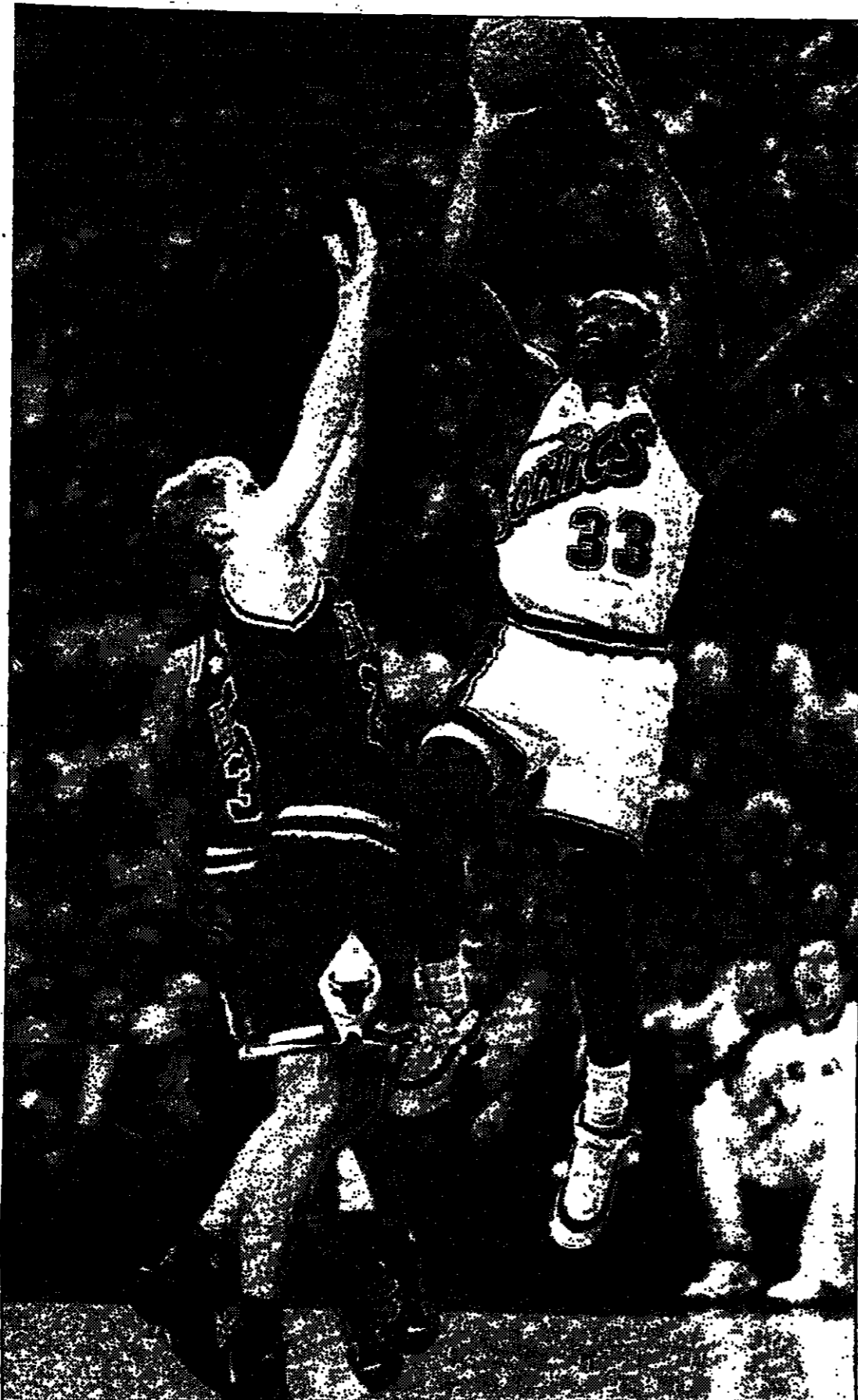
Anybody on their payroll, at least.

Unlike Game 4, when the SuperSonics took control at the start and only had to turn back a couple of brief challenges along the way.

Friday provided another fourth-quarter finish, just as Chicagoans got to enjoy in the first two contests. This time, it was 71-69, Seattle ahead, with eight minutes left. Jordan — having recently returned from a considerable rest that stretched from the end of the third period through the lengthy break and into the first 2:11 of the fourth — had already scored 26 points.

Then the SuperSonics threw a canvas on him, sometimes Gary Payton, sometimes Hersey Hawkins, sometimes three guys at once. No matter. The result was usually the same — Jordan disappearing into thin air.

In the Bulls' next eight possessions after 71-69, Jordan managed only one shot, a straight-away three-pointer. It missed, like everything else in that stretch. When Hawkins, his shadow on that bomb, released after the shot and got behind the Chicago defense, Payton found him streaking down court and delivered a long pass. Hawkins did the rest, completing the driving layup and the 11-0 charge.



HIGH AND MIGHTY — Hersey Hawkins shoots for two as Bulls' Steve Kerr defends. (Reuters)

Just like that, it was 82-69 with 4:21 remaining.

"The last four timeouts, we were saying the same thing," Karl noted. "You've got the defensive mentality to win it." Added Hawkins, who also had 21 points: "It's very difficult to deny him (Jordan) the basketball, because they have so many options in the triangle set. I think we did a good job of (double-teaming) him quickly tonight and not letting him shoot the quick shot, so he had to pass the basketball and other guys had to make decisions."

"I think that works in your favor, whenever you're playing the Bulls and you have someone else shooting the basketball instead of Michael."

Friday, it worked in their favor. Jordan, one for four in the

final quarter, finished 11 of 22 and with the same 26 points he had with 9:10 left. And no one else really showed.

Scottie Pippen made five of 20 shots, Toni Kukoc, back in the starting lineup at shooting guard for the tendinitis-plagued Ron Harper, was five for 13. Steve Kerr was only two for eight.

The Bulls made only three of 26 three-point shots and had missed 20 in a row at one point. In all, the 10 other Bulls who played shot 37.2 percent and scored 52 points. The SuperSonics' starting backcourt of Payton and Hawkins had 44 points, and Shawn Kemp added another 22, along with 10 rebounds.

The 78 points was the second-lowest total of the season for the Bulls, behind only the 72 they had March 10 at New York. It was also their worst offensive output in the finals — surpassing the 86 from Game 4.

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Orioles beat Royals, Ripken becomes world's iron man

KANSAS CITY, (Reuters) — Mike Mussina pitched a seven-hitter for his second complete game of the season and Brady Anderson hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning as the Baltimore Orioles defeated the Kansas City Royals 6-1 Friday.

"He just pitched a great ballgame," Orioles manager Davey Johnson said. "This came at a time when we certainly needed it."

Baltimore shortstop Cal Ripken, who went 0-for-4, played in his 2,216th consecutive game, surpassing Japanese player Sachio Kinugasa's world mark for consecutive games played. Kinugasa was at the game and threw out the first pitch to Ripken.

"To me this is something that's happened," Ripken said. "I love to go out and play the game. I love to be in the lineup. There's no way I ever set out to be in this position right now. I just set out to be the best ballplayer I could be."

"When he (Ripken) came to Japan in his second year, I thought he was going to be big, and he hasn't changed," Kinugasa said.

Yankees 4, Indians 3
Dwight Gooden allowed a pair of runs in eight innings on the way to his third straight win and Derek Jeter broke a sixth-inning tie with a two-run single as New York won at home 3.

Gooden (6-4) allowed seven hits and a walk with two strikeouts and is 6-1 in his last nine starts. He has allowed 40 hits and 18 runs in 63 2/3 innings in that span for a 2.54 ERA after allowing 17 runs in his first three starts.

The Indians pulled their team off the field in the bottom of the seventh inning when fans continued to pelt embattled left fielder Albert Belle with various objects. Belle is currently appealing a five-game suspension.

"There was never any question that we would not send them back out there (after more security personnel arrived), said Indians manager Mike Hargrove. "I don't know why they chose to react to Red Sox 4, Rangers 3"

Mo Vaughn hit a solo homer to snap an eighth-inning tie as host Boston noched its fourth consecutive victory.

With the score tied at 3-3, Vaughn belted a 2-2 pitch from Rangers starter Bobby Witt (6-5) over the left-center field wall for the go-ahead run. It was Vaughn's 23rd homer.

Jose Canseco hit his 20th home run.

Brewers 6, A's 2
Greg Vaughn hit a three-run homer and Ricky Bones allowed six hits over seven-plus innings as the host Milwaukee continued its dominance of Oakland.

Vaughn's 14th homer came in the fourth inning and erased a 2-0 deficit for the Brewers.

Tigers 5, Twins 4
Tony Clark homered to snap a sixth-inning tie and Chris Gomez and Chad Curtis each drove in runs in the frame as visiting Detroit held off Minnesota.

Marty Cordova went 4-for-5 with a solo homer for the Twins, who lost their third straight.

Angels 7, Blue Jays 4
Randy Velarde missed the cycle by a triple and Garret Anderson



WORLDWIDE IRON MAN — Cal Ripken waves to the fans after surpassing Japan's Sachio Kinugasa's consecutive game mark. (Reuters)

doubled twice and drove in a pair of runs to pace host California to its sixth straight win.

Velarde hit his fifth homer of the season in the fifth inning and Anderson had RBI doubles in the first and second innings.

White Sox 4, Mariners 1
Wilson Alvarez allowed five hits in 7 1/2 innings and Lyle Mouton drove in two runs as visiting Chicago snapped a two-game losing streak.

Frank Thomas and Ron Karkovice each homered for Chicago, which pulled within one-half game of the Central Indians. The White Sox have won seven of their last 10 road games.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Braves 3, Dodgers 1

John Smoltz allowed five hits over eight scoreless innings to become the first 13-game winner in the majors, and Ryan Klesko and Dwight Smith hit solo homers to lead Atlanta to a home victory.

Smoltz (13-1) did not walk a batter and struck out eight for his 13th straight victory.

Over 31 1/2 innings in his last four starts, Smoltz has given up just seven runs and 24 hits, walking five and striking out 41.

Cubs 5, Padres 1

Steve Trachsel allowed five hits over 7 1/2 innings and Sammy Sosa hit his league-leading 22nd homer and scored twice to lift host Chicago past San Diego, who have lost eight straight games.

Trachsel (5-4) struck out four and walked one.

Expos 6, Reds 1

Pedro Martinez pitched a four-hitter with a career-high 11 strikeouts and Moises Alou homered and drove in two runs as visiting

Montreal cruised to its third straight victory, a rain-delayed win over Cincinnati.

Martinez (6-3) ended a personal two-game losing streak with his second complete game of the season. He walked one and surpassed his previous strikeout best of 10, four four times.

Pirates 5, Marlins 4

Jeff King's two-run single in the bottom of the ninth inning plated the tying and winning runs as the Pittsburgh rallied from a four-run deficit.

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Boston 8, Texas 7 (10)	
Cleveland 6, New York 2	
Kansas City 10, Baltimore 2	
Milwaukee 6, Oakland 3	
California 6, Toronto 4	
TUESDAY'S N.L. RESULTS:	
San Francisco 12, Houston 8	
Florida 4, Pittsburgh 3	
Los Angeles 6, Atlanta 2	
Chicago 6, San Diego 1 (14)	
New York 2, St. Louis 1	
Colorado 4, Philadelphia 1	

Payne Stewart stretches lead to three shots at US Open

BLOOMFIELD HILLS (Reuters) — Payne Stewart stretched his US Open lead to three strokes as he headed to the back nine in the sec-

ond round at Oakland Hills Country Club yesterday.

Stewart birdied the ninth hole to bounce back from a bogey at the eighth and stood at five under par through 27 holes at the 6,974-yard, par-70 course dubbed the "Monster" by Ben Hogan.

Stewart, who won the 1991 Open at Hazletine, began the warm, sunny day tied for the lead with second-year pro Woody Austin after opening with a three-under-par 67. Birdies at the fifth and seventh holes pushed him ahead of the field.

Several players seemed poised to make a move but each faltered as course conditions continued to firm up after Wednesday's severe rain storm.

Austin fell back with a bogey at the par-three third hole. Lee Janzen, the 1993 champion, reached three-under twice on the front nine but then bogeyed each time to stand two-under through 10.

New Zealander Frank Nobilo, among Friday's earliest starters, got to three under par after birdies on the first two holes before he slid back with a double-bogey at the fourth and another bogey at seven. He finished at even-par 140.

Former champion Tom Watson pushed himself to two-under with back-to-back birdies to start the day but double-bogeyed the seventh to drop to even par.

One pre-tournament favorite to make a bold move was Greg Norman, who holed out from the

16th fairway for an eagle to vault into contention.

Norman, rebounding from his final-round collapse two months ago at the Masters, posted the best score of the tournament so far — a four-under-par 66 — to finish at one-under 139.

Norman opened with a 73 and knew he had his work cut out for him. "My whole outlook today was to get to even par," he said. "I figured that would put me in very good shape."

The Australian, who suffered the worst collapse in major championship golf when he squandered a six-shot lead in the final round of the Masters, surpassed his target.

He worked his way back with birdies at the second, eighth and 13th holes against a bogey at the fifth, before his stunning hole-out.

At 16, his eight iron approach shot carried 140 yards straight over the flag and spun directly back, rattling the stick and dropping into the cup.

"I had it lined up pretty good," Norman said.

Another former champion, Ernie Els of South Africa, also picked up the chase.

Els, who won the 1994 Open at Oakmont, began the day at two over par but had improved by three strokes by the seventh hole.

Also at one under par was Colin Montgomerie of Britain, the leading player on the European Tour the last three years, after a birdie on the par-five 12th hole.

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Stocks fall for fifth straight day

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Stocks fell for a fifth day in a row Friday as several companies' warnings of weak profits jangled nerves about the upcoming quarterly earnings period.

The dollar rallied as a Japanese trading scandal rocked the currency market in early trading, and anxious investors eyed the Russian presidential elections on Sunday. Bonds ended higher.

The Dow Jones industrial average slid 8.50 points to 5,649.46. It lost 47.66 for the week.

In the broader market, losing issues beat gainers by a margin of 1,303 to 1,003 on moderately heavy volume of 385.9 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

The technology-laden Nasdaq composite index tumbled 12.47 points or 1.02 percent to 1,213.18 after falling 9.82 points on Thursday. It was down 16.58 on the week.

"We had a rash of negative pronouncements - I counted 10 today, mostly in technology - and this will continue for a couple of weeks," said Larry Wachtel, a

FTSE down 8.1

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - Here is how major stock markets outside the US ended on Friday.

LONDON - Leading UK shares closed easier in subdued trade with activity focused mainly on retail stocks which were lifted by hopes of a return of the consumer's "feel good factor." The FTSE 100 closed down 8.1 points at 3,753.6 for a second consecutive day of losses, largely the result of instability in the US Treasury bond market. There was a gain of 46.8 on the week.

FRANKFURT - Shares ended lower as a softer dollar and nervousness about the weekend's election in Russia sapped market strength. The blue chip 30-share DAX index closed near three-

INDEXES

New York market indexes

DJ Industrials	5649.46	-8.50
DJ Transp.	2625.19	-10.63
DJ Util.	2877.45	-1.05
NYSE Index	5649.46	-8.50
NYSE Transp.	2625.19	-10.63
NYSE Util.	2877.45	-1.05
S&P 500	5649.46	-8.50
S&P Ind. 400	5649.46	-8.50
AMEX Comp.	292.86	-0.38

NYSE stocks

Unchanged	4781
Advances	908
Retirements	1826

Volume (in 1000s)

NYSE	16960
Nasdaq	19470

Other stock market indexes

FTSE 100	3753.6	-8.1
Tel Aviv Index	1579.0	-12.0
Nikkei 225	12131.8	-1.02
DAX	3753.6	-8.1

Israeli stocks in NY

NYSE / AMEX	229.25	-0.35
Ampel A	2.12	-0.15
Ampel B	2.12	-0.15
Avnet	34.50	-0.25
Bank Leumi	1.80	-0.05
Bank Mizrahi	1.80	-0.05
Bank Hapoalim	1.80	-0.05
Bank Leumi	1.80	-0.05
Bank Leumi	1.80	-0.05

market analyst at Prudential Securities.

Analysts said investors were also wary of aggressive buying ahead of the Russian election results, uncertainty over interest rates and next Friday's "triple witching" expiration of stock index futures contracts, stock index options and options on individual stocks.

Copper stocks were downgraded after news overnight that Sumitomo Corp. has lost an estimated \$1.8 billion from unauthorized copper trades over a 10-month period.

Sumitomo said it had removed its top copper trader, Yasuo Hamanaka, and added it would cooperate with regulatory authorities. The U.S. is the world's largest copper producer.

Copper futures for July delivery on New York's Commodity Exchange Inc. tumbled 10.3 cents to 93.85 cents a pound.

Bond traders were encouraged by a report that U.S. industrial production rose 0.7 percent in May, in line with market expectations.

Russian polls beef \$ CURRENCY REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - The dollar rallied from a loss to finish higher against the German mark on Friday, drawing strength from traders looking for safety ahead of the weekend Russian presidential election.

Traders, unsure which way Russia would turn in today's vote, decided to invest in the dollar rather than other currencies that might weaken if Boris Yeltsin loses to resurgent Communists.

Investors initially were divided on whether to turn to the Swiss franc, the dollar or the mark as safe havens. But the closer European ties to Russia made the dollar the eventual favorite.

Wall Street takes middle ground

WALL STREET WEEK

NEW YORK (AP) - Forget about a nice spring thaw on Wall Street. Just as a harsh New York winter quickly melted into summer, the stock market is already grinding to a dog-day pace, and the incessant chatter about inflation after each economic report is giving way to conjecture about July, August - and November. And whether Alan Greenspan will help re-elect Clinton.

After all, with economic flags blowing in sharply different directions every few days, analysts are increasingly settling on a middle ground.

"It's almost like we're walking an economic high-wire with high growth and inflation on one side of the fall and recession on the other," said Russ Labrasca, senior vice president of Sutro and Co. in San Francisco.

The market's gyrations on the latest economic numbers, meanwhile, have grown infrequent. In recent months, a stream of new readings on inflation, retail sales and industrial production almost certainly would have jerked the market. But this past week, the reaction was mostly a yawn.

Most eyes have turned to the Federal Reserve, as if issuing an exhausted plea to just say whether it will raise interest rates.

"People are really looking for a reason to be excited on either end of the spectrum. This kind of medium news isn't exciting people like it used to," said Brian Belski, technical analyst at Dain Bosworth in Minneapolis.

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Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$200,000)	4.750	4.250	4.500
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.125	4.000	4.250
German mark (DM 200,000)	1.750	1.750	2.125
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.500	0.500	0.750

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (14.6.96)

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL	MARKET
US dollar	3.2724	3.2707	3.2500
German mark	3.2629	3.2612	3.2414
French franc	4.3715	4.3698	4.3499
Japanese yen (100)	3.2629	3.2612	3.2414
UK pound	1.2843	1.2826	1.2627
Swedish krona	2.0287	2.0270	2.0071
Swiss franc	0.4833	0.4816	0.4617
Canadian dollar	0.4929	0.4912	0.4713
Australian dollar	0.5201	0.5184	0.4985
New Zealand dollar	0.8911	0.8894	0.8695
US dollar	2.9811	2.9794	2.9595
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INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Name	Price	Chg	Name	Price	Chg	Name	Price	Chg	Name	Price	Chg
NEW YORK			NEW YORK			NEW YORK			NEW YORK		
Alcoa	26.375	-0.125	Alcoa	26.375	-0.125	Alcoa	26.375	-0.125	Alcoa	26.375	-0.125
Amgen	22.625	-0.125	Amgen	22.625	-0.125	Amgen	22.625	-0.125	Amgen	22.625	-0.125
Amgen	22.625	-0.125	Amgen	22.625	-0.125	Amgen	22.625	-0.125	Amgen	22.625	-0.125

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Fund's name	Last month	12 months	3 months	12 months
Affiliates	108.07	108.07	+0.92	+2.94
Amfund	108.07	108.07	+0.92	+2.94
Amfund	108.07	108.07	+0.92	+2.94

Shares

Share name	Last month	12 months	3 months	12 months
Affiliates	108.07	108.07	+0.92	+2.94
Amfund	108.07	108.07	+0.92	+2.94
Amfund	108.07	108.07	+0.92	+2.94

Company Bonds

Company name	Price	Yield	Price	Yield
Affiliates	108.07	108.07	+0.92	+2.94
Amfund	108.07	108.07	+0.92	+2.94
Amfund	108.07	108.07	+0.92	+2.94

Foreign Currency

Currency	Rate	Change
US dollar	3.2670	+0.0%
British pound	5.0251	+0.30%
Japanese yen	136.00	-0.1%

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

Country	Rate	Change
Canada	1.00	0.00
France	6.56	-0.05
Germany	3.27	-0.01
Italy	2.36	-0.02
Japan	136.00	-0.10
UK	1.63	+0.03
Switzerland	0.71	-0.01
Netherlands	2.20	-0.01
Spain	166.64	-0.02
Sweden	8.48	-0.04
Australia	1.94	-0.01
New Zealand	2.02	-0.01
Singapore	2.46	-0.01
Hong Kong	7.76	-0.04
India	47.83	-0.15
China	8.27	-0.15
Taiwan	20.47	-0.15
South Korea	187.78	-0.15
Malaysia	3.78	-0.15
Thailand	50.76	-0.15
Philippines	54.81	-0.15
Indonesia	1552.00	-0.15
Sri Lanka	20.47	-0.15

LIBOR RATES

Term	Rate	Change
3 months	6.50%	0.00
6 months	6.75%	0.00
9 months	7.00%	0.00
12 months	7.25%	0.00

US Commodities

Commodity	Price	Change
Oil (Brent)	17.45	-0.05
Oil (WTI)	16.85	-0.05
Natural Gas	1.15	-0.01
Gold	359.00	+0.50

LONDON

Stock Name	Price	Change
Shell	182.00	+0.25
BP	165.00	-0.125
British Airways	142.00	+0.125

PARIS

Stock Name	Price	Change
Alcatel	232.00	-0.25
Alcatel	232.00	-0.25
Alcatel	232.00	-0.25

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Three children killed in S. Lebanon blast

MARIYOUN (Reuters) — Israel and Hizbullah blamed each other for a bomb explosion on Friday that killed three children in the security zone.

South Lebanese Army (SLA) sources said the bomb went off in Houla village three kilometers north of the Israeli-Lebanese border, killing two young girls and a boy.

The bomb exploded on a small road inside the village which was not used by Israeli or SLA patrols, the SLA sources added.

The sources said earlier four children were killed and one wounded in the blast, but they later identified the dead as eight-year-old Taghrud Qtaish; Hamama Hosni, 12; and Mohammed Jawad, 12.

SLA-run Voice of the South radio, which broadcasts from the zone, said the blast was a breach of the April 26 understandings that put an end to Operation Grapes of Wrath.

The understandings bar attacks on civilians or from civilian areas but do not bar guerrilla attacks on the IDF and give both sides the right of self-defense.

"This is the second time in 24 hours that the Hizbullah has breached the April agreement and operated in a civilian area against innocent Lebanese civilians," the IDF Spokesman said.

He said Hizbullah had also set off a roadside bomb on Thursday near Houla, aimed at SLA soldiers.

In Beirut, Hizbullah said in a statement that it had nothing to do with the Houla explosion and accused the IDF of setting off the bomb in a bid to "disgrace the operations of the resistance against the occupation."

Israel was also trying to cover up its breaches of the April understandings and "its targeting of civilians' lives and livelihood" in south Lebanon, the group added.

"This premeditated crime committed by the Zionist occupation forces comes as a prelude to justifying the Israeli aggressions against our steadfast people in the occupied area and villages [outside the zone]," Hizbullah said.

"The resistance will get the revenge for the victims of this ugly crime committed by the occupation forces," added the group.

Earlier on Friday, a Hizbullah gunman was killed in an attack on a post held by the SLA at Toumat Niha post, in a finger of territory jutting north from the zone.

The group said its gunmen hit the Toumat post with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades. One fighter was killed in the exchange of fire but no SLA men were hurt.



Police Dep.-Cmdr. Shmuel Shein-Tov (right), and his son, IDF paratroop Maj. Ilan Shein-Tov, pose with Ben-Gurion University president Dr. Avishai Braverman on Thursday. The father and son, who received BA degrees in History of the Jewish People and the Middle East, were among 1,990 students to receive degrees. (Photo Campus)

WEATHER

Jerusalem	18-27
Haiifa	22-29
Tiberias	21-33
Afula	21-31
Samarina	17-28
Tel Aviv	21-27
Jordanian	17-26
Beersheba	20-32
Dead Sea	24-30
Eilat	24-30

Forecast: Cloudy to clear. No change in temperatures.

Winning cards

In Friday's Mifal Hapays daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the nine of spades, 10 of hearts, ace of diamonds, and nine of clubs.

AFP: Israel detained our Lebanon stringer

BEIRUT (Reuters) — A Lebanese reporter working for Agence France-Presse (AFP) in southern Lebanon was seized and taken to Israel for interrogation last week, one of his colleagues at the French news agency said on Friday.

The AFP correspondent in Beirut said stringer Ali Dia was taken to Israel after he was asked by South Lebanese Army officers to report to their headquarters in Marjayoun on Thursday.

"Mr. Dia has not returned home since. We were told by informed sources that Dia was taken to somewhere in Israel for interrogation," the correspondent, who declined to be named, told Reuters.

"We contacted SLA officials but they said they know nothing about Dia," he added.

Dia, 40, also works for Beirut-based Future Television, which is owned by Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, and the Beirut daily *A-Safir*.

The IDF Spokesman said it was checking the report and had no further comment.

Chirac to visit here

FRENCH President Jacques Chirac is expected to pay an official visit to Israel in November, diplomatic sources told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Although no date has been fixed for the visit, Chirac has declared several times recently that he intends to visit Israel before the end of the year, and informed Prime Minister Shimon Peres of his intentions during a meeting the two leaders held in Paris last month.

Binyamin Netanyahu's election victory has apparently had no effect on Chirac's decision. Chirac met with Netanyahu two years ago, when he was still mayor of Paris. He was the first foreign leader to congratulate Netanyahu on his victory.

Chirac will be the second French head of state to pay an official visit to Israel. His predecessor, Francois Mitterrand, was the first, visiting in 1982 and in 1992.

Court asked to order reburial of Hadassah convoy dead

TWENTY-TWO people killed in the War of Independence who are buried in a Moslem cemetery in eastern Jerusalem should be reburied in Jewish graves, a petition to the High Court of Justice demanded on Friday.

The petition also asks that a mass grave in Sanhedria, containing victims of the same battle, be opened as well, so that the fallen can be identified. The identification can be accomplished by genetic testing if the ministry locates the victims' descendants, the petition said, and Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Hospital has already agreed to help in setting up the genetic database.

The petition was filed by Yehoshua Levanon and Arye Kerner, whose fathers, Zvi Levanon and Dov Kerner, were part of a convoy bringing supplies to Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus on April 13, 1948. The convoy was attacked by Arabs, and 78 of its 106 members, most of whom were soldiers, were killed. Thirty-one of the victims were identified and given individual burials; the remaining 47, according to the Defense Ministry, were buried in a mass grave in the Sanhedria Cemetery.

In the mid-1970s, however, Yehoshua Levanon began investigating the affair, and discovered that a commission of inquiry had investigated at the time. The commission's report, which Levanon

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obtained from the archives of the World Zionist Organization, stated that only 25 people were buried in the Sanhedria grave; the bodies of the other 22 had never been recovered. Since the bodies had not been identified, it was not known which 25 people were buried in Sanhedria.

Levanon then embarked on a search for the whereabouts of the other 22. In 1992, he made the acquaintance of an east Jerusalem Arab who agreed to help him, and in 1993 this source introduced him to another Arab who had participated in the actual ambush.

This eyewitness described the attack in detail to Levanon, who found that his account matched accurately with all the accounts he had read. The witness then described how, after the battle, the Arabs had gathered up the body parts — Jewish and Arab alike — and buried them in a mass grave in a Moslem cemetery outside the Old City's Lions Gate. Until 1967, the witness said, the grave even bore an inscription stating, "Those who fell on April 13, 1948 are buried here," which was removed just before Israel captured the Old City, for fear Israelis would dig up the grave in search of their own dead.

Levanon then asked the Defense Ministry to investigate this information, and, if necessary, to open the grave. The ministry had dug in

four other places — on the Mount of Olives and near the police headquarters in Sheikh Jarrah — and found nothing, but refused to investigate the cemetery near Lions Gate.

The Religious Affairs Ministry was also brought in, to try to get the consent of the Wakf to the project, but without success. After repeated requests to the Defense Ministry, which resulted only in suggestions that they be patient, Levanon and Kerner petitioned the High Court.

The petition notes that the ministry has the authority to open both graves, because the Military Cemeteries Law states that the ministry is required to open any mass grave containing fallen soldiers if three years have passed from the date of burial and a family member wants the body for reburial. The law also states that the ministry may order the transfer of any fallen soldier from a civilian cemetery to a military one.

Furthermore, the petition states, the ministry has an obligation to exercise its authority out of respect for both the dead and the living family members. Burying the dead is one of the most sacred obligations of Jewish law, the petition notes, and from the Jewish perspective, if someone died did not receive a Jewish burial — as those in the Moslem cemetery certainly did not — it is as if he were never buried at all.

This principle of Jewish law has become one of the cornerstones of Israeli society in general, and the army in particular, the petition notes: It is considered incumbent on the army and the state to do everything in their power to bring back their dead for proper burial.

Finally, the petition states, this principle has also been enshrined in the 1992 Basic Law: Human Dignity and Freedom, since the Supreme Court has ruled that "human dignity" includes respect for the dead.

Thousands view rare mosaic discovery

HAIM SHAPIRO

THOUSANDS of Israelis braved stifling heat to come to Lod on Friday and yesterday to get a look at what has been described as one of the finest mosaics ever discovered in this country.

Following the viewing, the mosaic will be covered over while officials decide whether to restore it at the site or to remove it and restore it elsewhere.

Although the Antiquities Authority had intended putting it on view only Friday and yesterday, the crush of visitors caused them to extend the viewing at least to today and tomorrow. The mosaic is located near the Lod turnoff on the Ramle — Ben-Gurion Airport highway.

As police directed traffic, children and adults of all ages jammed adjoining streets and made their way on foot through the dust of what until recently had been a road construction site to see the find: a 10-meter by 18-meter almost undamaged floor of what had apparently been the house of a third century CE Roman official.

The mosaic was uncovered during archaeological rescue work during the construction of the road.

The crowds waited patiently on the dirt ramp surrounding the mosaic, over which a temporary awning had been stretched. A combination of police barriers and barbed wire kept the onlookers from coming too close. Around the periphery of the crowd, half a dozen vendors sold soft drinks, ice-cream, and snacks.

Despite the press of visitors, the crowds remained silent as Miki Waisman, director of the Antiquities Authority's

Archeological Center explained the mosaic. Using a portable loudspeaker, he told them that the artist who created the mosaic had apparently come from abroad, as evidenced by the realistic depiction of the African and Asian animals in its center, and by the fact that some of the tiles used had been imported.

Among the animals are lions, a giraffe, a hippopotamus, an elephant, and a tiger. The central medallion of the mosaic shows a lion and lioness, each on a mountain, separated by a lake with a mythical monster between them. Another scene depicts a hare eating grapes and a dog stalking the hare. Along the borders of this square are birds and fish, while dolphins gambol in the corners. Other sections include additional panels with birds and fish, as well as amphorae and geometric patterns.

Another square includes a wide variety of fish and two merchant ships. One of the ships is almost obliterated, the only apparent damage in the entire mosaic. However, one section of the mosaic is transversed by a pipe laid above it some 20 years ago and it is not clear what damage, if any, might have been caused by the laying of the pipe.

According to Waisman, coins found nearby indicate that the mosaic dates from the late third or early fourth century CE. It is one of the few mosaics from this period, as well as the most complete and best preserved. Waisman speculated that the owner of the house may have had it covered over during the political unrest which typified this period.

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